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FRENCH ADMISSION ON MIRAGES

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS. — The French government yesterday admitted for the first time the possibility that French-made Mirage warplanes have been moved from Libya to Egypt in breach of France's embargo on delivery of military equipment to countries which fought in the Six Day War.

The French admission came during the maiden speech before the National Assembly of the new Foreign Minister, Michel Jobert, who was answering a parliamentary question on the movements of the aircraft.

Mr. Jobert said: "The government does not mean to state that these planes have or have not been made available to the Egyptian forces. Up to now nothing permits us to conclude that the agreement signed (with Libya) has been broken."

The government has received no confirmation of the reports circulating about this affair. We have received neither proof nor evidence."

The Foreign Minister hedged again when he said: "It is obvious that planes are not destined to remain on the ground or to fly along the same routes all the time."

Mr. Jobert recalled that the Libyan and Egyptian governments had both denied that the Mirages had been shifted to Egyptian air bases.

While Mr. Jobert was addressing the National Assembly, Israel's Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan told the French Diplomatic Press Association that Israel had no proof of claims by diplomatic sources that the Mirages had returned to Libya from Egypt.

Commenting on Israel's determination to hit back hard in the event of new hostilities launched by the Arabs, Mr. Ben Natan said: "We shall not agree to another form of the war of attrition which they waged in 1969 and 1970. We will not accept a long drawn out war which could make the Egyptians believe they could wipe out Israel in the end."

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FIGHTING IN BEIRUT LEBANESE GOV'T CRACKS DOWN ON TERRORISTS

Curfew 'until further notice'

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Curfew was imposed last night on Beirut and other Lebanese cities as government troops and Palestinian terrorists fought street battles in the suburbs of the Lebanese capital. Beirut Radio quoted the Lebanese Ministry of Defence as stating that government troops and terrorists were still exchanging fire at a late hour last night.

Twelve Lebanese soldiers were killed and 40 others were wounded, Lebanese State radio reported. There was no information on terrorist casualties.

A government statement said efforts were being made last night to restore normalcy. It did not elaborate, but indicated that negotiations with the terrorists might be proceeding. The wording of the statement implied that the government was insisting on the prohibition of armed terrorist presence in Beirut and other Lebanese cities.

GOVERNMENT MEETS

The Lebanese government was last night meeting under the chairmanship of President Suleiman Franjeh.

The Defence Ministry issued a communique stating that security forces were ordered to shoot at armed elements violating the curfew which went into effect at 7.30 p.m. "until further notice."

Yesterday's confrontation brought to a head the tension between the government and the terrorists relations following last month's Israeli commando raid on Palestinian sabotage targets inside Beirut. The raid led to the downfall the same day of Lebanon's pro-terrorist government of Sa'eb Salam and the emergence of a new cabinet under Dr. Amin el-Hafez.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Yesterday's military operations were personally commanded by Lebanon's Chief of Staff General Iskandar Chahem whose resignation former Premier Salam had demanded amid terrorist charges that the Lebanese armed forces had deliberately avoided interfering in last month's Israeli raid on the Beirut homes and headquarters of the Patah leadership.

Official Lebanese communiques implied that the new government was out to crack down on the terrorist, who have been enjoying political privileges in Lebanon by virtue of a Cairo accord which the Lebanese accepted following a military confrontation with the terrorists in April 1969.

Though on a much smaller scale, the Lebanese move recalled the Jordanian showdown with the terrorists in September 1970. Judging from their broadcasts which claimed the Lebanese were out to eliminate them, the terrorists appear to view yesterday's events in Beirut as

signalling a "black May" for their movement.

The Lebanese move against the terrorists came as the Palestinian sabotage movement faced open criticism from various Arab countries including Libya (which the terrorists have themselves attacked recently). No Arab capital, except for Algiers, voiced support for the terrorists yesterday. The Jordanian state radio reported the Beirut event with undisguised satisfaction.

The Lebanese authorities last night said the clashes followed a series of terrorist provocations which included the distribution of leaflets denouncing the Lebanese state and its regime.

In an official statement broadcast over Beirut radio, the government said these provocations were stepped up this week with the kidnapping of two Lebanese soldiers held captive at the Sabra refugee camp near Beirut to force the release of 12 saboteurs. The statement said the kidnapping followed three incidents in which members of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front were captured in Beirut in possession of explosives and anti-state leaflets.

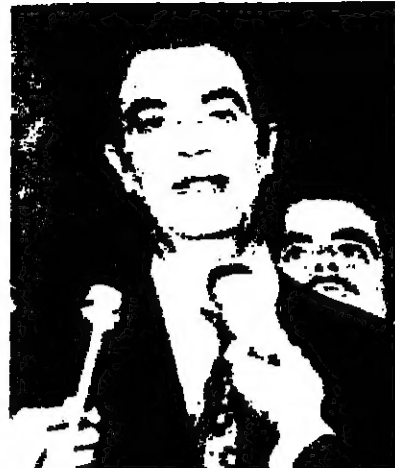
SOLDIERS RELEASED

Meanwhile, the terrorists were last night reported to have released the two soldiers. Nine of the 12 terrorists held were caught over the weekend near the U.S. embassy which the terrorists claimed played a role in Israel's raid on Beirut last month. The three others were arrested at Beirut airport while attempting to smuggle explosives out of the Lebanese capital.

The release of the Lebanese soldiers was reported to have been ordered by Fatah chief Yasser Arafat under the pressure of Lebanese tank and artillery fire on terrorist strongholds at the Beirut's refugee camps of Sabra, Shitla, Tel Zaatar, Ruri el-Barajneh, and Jar el-Basha.

The Lebanese tough reaction to the kidnapping of their two soldiers appeared to have come as a complete surprise to the terrorists in the refugee camps.

Communiques issued by both the Lebanese authorities and the terrorists indicated that the events of the day began at mid-morning when government troops set up roadblocks at Beirut's airport highway leading to the Sabra refugee camp where the two soldiers were being held.



Premier el-Hafez



Yasser Arafat

As the Lebanese troops negotiated the release of the soldiers several army positions in the area came under fire of terrorists reportedly using mortars and bazookas.

Shortly before noon, the Lebanese brought tanks into action, cordoning off refugee camps and replying to terrorist fire. During the exchange of fire a number of rockets were reported to have exploded near the residence of U.S. ambassador William Buftum.

In Beirut itself shops closed down and schoolchildren hurried home as crowds deserted the capital's streets.

UPI reported that 120 pupils at a British community school on Beirut's road to the airport were kept in school to spend the night in a basement. The agency earlier reported a bizarre scene in which a dozen horses roamed the Beirut streets after apparently getting loose from a riding club in the Beirut airport area where the fighting between the Lebanese troops and the terrorists took place.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Amsterdam police last night seized two men — believed to be Palestinians — holding forged Israeli passports, who shot and wounded a policeman when he asked to see their identification, INA reported.

Deposed Nixon aides to testify today

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FBI post

WASHINGTON (UPI). — U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne said he had been offered the testimony of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman but he refused to discuss it while the Watergate trial was still in progress.

The "New York Times" yesterday published a story which said the two were leaders in a high-level effort to cover up the scope of the 1972 Watergate burglary and bugging. In addition to their grand jury appearances, Haldeman and Ehrlichman also arranged to meet later in the week with Senate investigators, the paper said.

Both Haldeman and Ehrlichman have denied any wrongdoing and said they were sure investigations would clear them. Nixon said in announcing their resignations Monday that their departure should not be taken as any suggestion of wrongdoing.

The "Times" quoted unnamed government investigators that Haldeman and Ehrlichman, together with former Attorney-General John N. Mitchell, devised a plan shortly after the June 17, 1972, bugging to cover up the details.

The "Times" said Haldeman, Mitchell, Ehrlichman, former White House counsel John Dean III, and two others faced grand jury indictment.

Mitchell issued a statement yesterday which said the "Times" account of his alleged part in a cover-up was false.

The "Times" said the "basic scheme" in the cover-up effort included having officials involved in the operation deny knowledge of it, and promising payments to the five men arrested at the Watergate as well as executive clemency if they were convicted.

'BIGGER ROLE FOR AGNEW'

WASHINGTON (UPI). — White House sources yesterday said Nixon planned to give Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew a greater part in the government. The sources said Nixon decided to make Agnew the vice-chairman of the Domestic Council, the chief forum for formulation of domestic policy. The President is chairman.

Later yesterday it was reported that the Justice Department charged that the Finance Committee failed to make required reports and maintain records on a \$200,000 campaign contribution by financier Robert L. Vesco. The Attorney General said a three-count criminal indictment was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington. (See story below)

Martha Mitchell, wife of the former Attorney-General who was head of the Nixon re-election campaign at the time of the bugging, was subpoenaed to give sworn testimony today about what she knew about the Watergate.

A federal court in New York issued the subpoena at the request of lawyers for convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr. Her testimony will be taken in a deposition in a \$4.4 million damage suit the Democratic party brought against principals in the bugging case.

The "Los Angeles Times" said yesterday that Mitchell, while Attorney-General, went outside normal communications channels to intercede directly on behalf of Robert L. Vesco in the financier's attempt to take over a Lebanese bank, the "Los Angeles Times" said yesterday. Quoting unidentified sources in Washington, the newspaper said Mitchell did not use normal state department communications, but either cabled or telephoned the legal section. (Continued on page 4, col. 7)

Nixon, Brandt agree on need for U.S. troops in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. President Nixon and West German Chancellor Willy Brandt jointly declared yesterday that "an adequate presence of U.S. forces in Europe" is indispensable in maintaining the East-West balance of military power.

The two leaders also agreed in a joint statement issued after two days of meetings that each member of the Atlantic Alliance must contribute "appropriately toward the burden of the common defence."

"While seeking to reduce the military confrontation in Europe, the capacity of the Alliance to ensure the security of all of its partners at any time must be preserved without qualification," the communique declared.

The 1,000-word statement ranged from military issues to trade, monetary, diplomatic and international questions.

The two leaders "emphasized that it is now imperative" that the Paris agreement for a Vietnam cease-fire "be fully and scrupulously implemented."

Hanoi 'agrees to talks'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Dr. Henry Kissinger insisted yesterday that North Vietnam has agreed to a meeting between special negotiator Le Duc Tho and himself.

The presidential adviser told newsmen that "there is an agreement that there should be a meeting."

Kissinger said he could not go into details because of uncertainty over a time and place for the meeting. However, he said assertions made earlier by presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler that Hanoi had agreed to a Kissinger-Tho meeting "can be supported by various messages."

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by the chief negotiators of the Jan. 27 Vietnam agreement. The U.S. sought another session in the wake of the American charges of constant, massive and blatant Communist violations of the cease-fire.

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Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar. On Tuesday, President Shazar received Rabbi Moshe Rosen, the Rumanian Chief Rabbi, on the eve of his return to Rumania.

A reception was held yesterday at the President's Residence for 250 Akim volunteers, from all over the country, in preparation for the 1973 fund-raising campaign, which opens on May 16. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who has given his patronage to the campaign, announced that 11.1.0m. will be allocated to institutions for retarded children in an effort to accommodate 2,500 children by the end of the decade. Greetings were delivered by President Shazar and Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn.

The President-Elect, Prof. Ephraim Katzir and Mrs. Katzir yesterday visited the Tel Aviv Museum and toured the Toulouse-Lautrec exhibition. They were met by the Museum curator, Dr. Haim Ganuz.

Education Minister Yigal Alon yesterday visited the Johanna Jabotinsky Youth Village and its two vocational high schools at Be'er Ya'acov.

Haifa's Ambassador, Musset Pierre-Jerome; Bolivia's Ambassador, Roberto Pacheco Herzog; Colombia's Ambassador, Ramon Martinez Valle; and Peru's Ambassador, Bernard Roca Rey; and their wives were the guests at a luncheon given in their honour yesterday by Ya'acov Taur, president of the Central Institute for Cultural Relations between Israel and Latin America, Spain and Portugal, and Mrs. Taur.

The commander of the Northern Police District, Nitzan Shimon Shesh, yesterday awarded service orders to 155 Haifa constables and officers who have been with the police for 25 years or more. They included Sgan-Nitzan Haim Frankel, deputy commander of the Haifa Police, and an Arab officer, Hans Hadad.

A 25th anniversary luncheon was held at the Knesset yesterday by the Adalla Chapter of the Women's National Religious Organization. Present were Deputy Knesset Speaker Tova Sanhedrai and Lady Edith Wolfson. It was the chapter's annual "Eshet Hayot" luncheon and prizes were awarded to members for outstanding services during the past year.

Mrs. Genia Diener and Mrs. Jacqueline Fessal, representatives in Switzerland of Alia, Israel Society for Crippled Children, yesterday visited Moshe Abrahams and prizes were awarded to members for outstanding services during the past year.

The dedication ceremony for a new Wizo kindergarten was held in Arad in the presence of Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, and Mrs. Freddy Marx Polak, president of Wizo Holland. The kindergarten will bear the name of Mrs. Fiep Van Emde, past president of Wizo Holland.

A reception was given on Sunday evening by Sir George Weidenfeld and the Board of Directors of Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Jerusalem, at the Khan for delegates to the Publishing and Printing Committee of the Economic Conference and other exhibitors at the Book Fair. Among the guests were the Mayor of Jerusalem and Mrs. Kollek; the O.C. Central Command, Aluf Rehavam Zeevi; the French Ambassador, Francis Hure; Viscount Samuel; Richard Crossman, M.P.; Prof. Yigal Yadin; and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Weisgal.

Israel's former Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, and Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem will be the guests at Jerusalem's Vocal Newspaper, to be devoted to Israel's 25th anniversary, at 8.30 p.m. today at Beit Ha'am.

MARRIAGE

EPHRAI-MORRIS.—Leah, daughter of Dvorah and Moshe Ephraim Tel Aviv, and Benjamin, son of Sadie and Ya'akov Morris, Jerusalem, May 1, 1973.

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Bus co-ops demand 26 per cent fare hike

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The Egged and Dan bus cooperatives are demanding a fare increase of more than 26 per cent. But the Transport Ministry says it cannot react until it has spent at least two weeks studying the figures presented to them yesterday by the bus firms. The demand by Egged for a 26.9 per cent increase, and by Dan for 26.3 per cent—came this week in the framework of an agreement between the cooperatives and the Transport Ministry. The agreement obliges the parties to meet annually to review rises in the "transport index"—wages, spare parts, fuel and services—and decide whether to raise fares or subsidies to the bus companies.

The accord also stipulates that the cooperatives can request more money after eight months if the transport index has risen above 7.5 per cent by then.

The last fare increase was in September, but the cooperatives' figures show the transport index rose by more than 7.5 per cent by May 1.

A Transport Ministry official told The Jerusalem Post the demands were received by the ministry yesterday. He added that Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yacobi already had appointed a group of ministry officials to study the claims.

Last week Transport Minister Shimon Peres said he hoped to dissuade the cooperatives from demanding fare increases now. At present the main question is whether the cooperatives will get higher fares or increased subsidies.

At present government subsidies are 25 per cent of the cooperatives' IL500m. annual turnover.

Symposium starts at Knesset

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Modern telecommunications methods sometimes lead to teleocracy, the state of affairs in which heads of state can communicate with the people directly via TV and radio, over the heads of the country's parliamentarians. Parliament members are thus reduced to discussing the now public information at their next session, which naturally lowers the value of their work.

This was stated last night by Dr. Karl Cseretz, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Austrian Parliament, in a lecture at the Knesset on "Parliament in the Era of Planning and Technology."

He said that modern parliaments need their own sources of information, including computers and data banks, so that they are not solely dependent on information supplied by governments.

The lecture was part of a symposium on Problems of Democratic Parliamentarism, attended by President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Cabinet Ministers and Knesset Members.

Mrs. Aase Linaas, Speaker of the Norwegian Upper House, said that the late Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkat, whom she met during his tenure as Ambassador in Norway, had played a great role in putting the Israel labour movement on the international map of the movement. The first anniversary of Mr. Barkat's death was last week.

The symposium, which continues today, is organized by the Israel Association for the Problems of Parliamentarism, the Israeli branch of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the Reuven Barkat Institute for the Study of Israel Parliamentarism.

Sheikh Hassun, Druse clan head, at 70

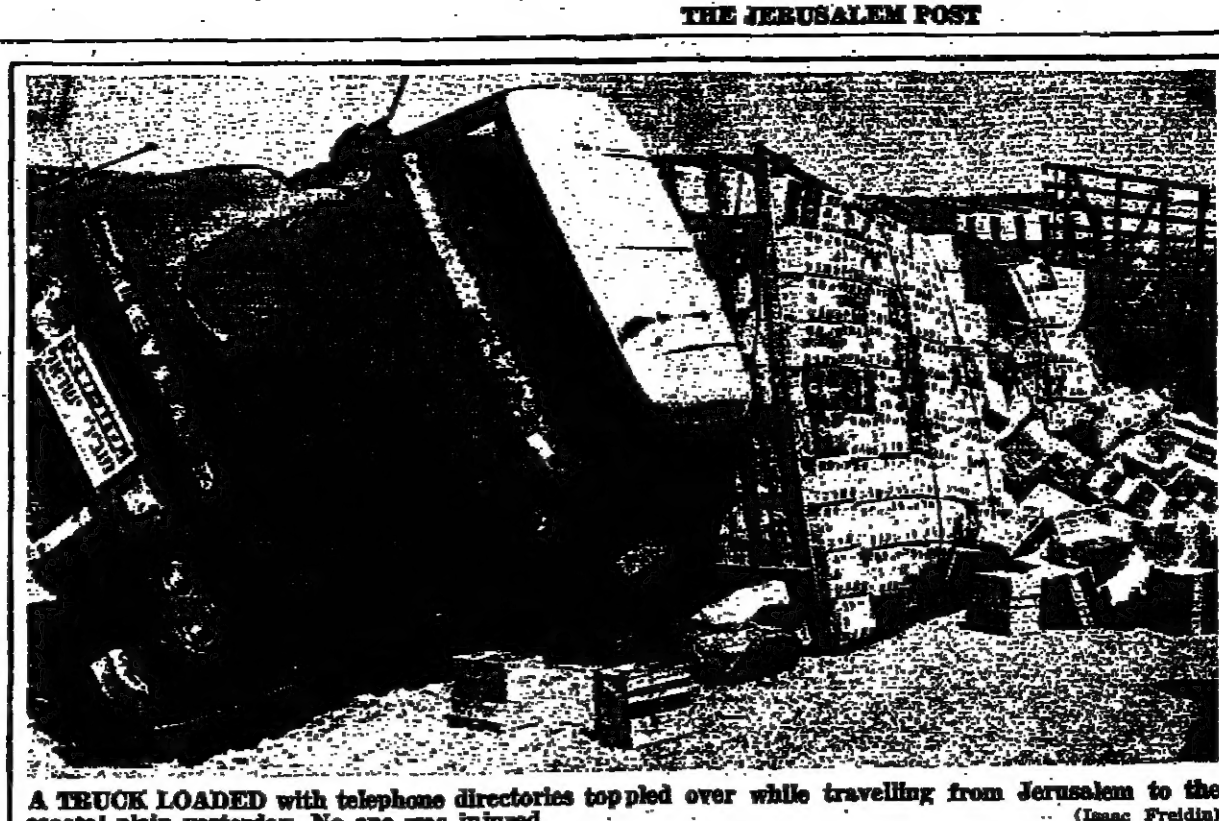
DALLAT AL-CARMEL.—A crowd of nearly 10,000 persons attended the funeral here yesterday of Sheikh Hassun Hassun, head of the second largest clan in this village.

Sheikh Hassun, who was 70 when he died, was one of the first members of the Druse community to work for improving Druse-Jewish relations before the establishment of the State of Israel. (THM)

ARRIVALS

Sam Rothberg, chairman of Israel Bonds, for the State's 25th anniversary celebrations (by El Al), and Moshe Riklis, prominent American businessman, to take part in dedicating Beit Hazanah in Ramat Gan, which he helped to build.

Lawrence E. Spivak, producer of NBC's "Meet the Press" show, for the special joint interview on Friday at Herzliya Film and TV Studios with Premier Golda Meir, Deputy Premier Yigal Alon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.



A TRUCK LOADED with telephone directories toppled over while travelling from Jerusalem to the coastal plain yesterday. No one was injured. (Isaac Fridkin)

Bathing Season opens Two T.A. beaches 'too contaminated'

TEL AVIV.—The bathing season officially opened yesterday with two popular beaches in the Tel Aviv area declared too contaminated for swimmers. They are the Tel Baruch beach and the "Invalids" seafront between Tel Aviv and Herzliya.

The pollution was attributed to bacteriological tests to a sharp increase in sewage dumping, and the only hope for the beaches was a chlorination process to be conducted during the next fortnight to lower contamination to a safe level.

Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinovitch pressed for chlorination at a recent meeting with the directors-general of the Health and Interior ministries.

Tel Baruch beach has usually been crowded with residents from North Tel Aviv. Invalids Beach was also popular despite a number of drownings due to the absence of lifeguard facilities. The Interior Ministry had planned to install such facilities before the contamination problem emerged.

As in 1972, the beaches at the end of Rehov Allenby and Rehov

Trumpeldor will remain closed due to the construction of breakwaters. There are 63 official bathing beaches along the Mediterranean coast, 12 on the Kineret and 2 in Eilat. There are also 102 public swimming pools throughout the country. All beaches in which bathing is officially permitted will have lifeguard stations. Where there is no lifeguard bathing is forbidden.

Haifa private beach prices increased

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA.—The city's two privately owned bathing beaches have again opened the season with an entrance fee rise. The increase which has become an annual fixture, is bigger than usual this year—about 30 per cent.

The Carmel Beach, the city's largest, has raised its prices from IL1.50 to IL2.40, for adults, (IL1 for children and soldiers) and the Qionot Beach from IL1.40 to IL1.80 (90 agorot for children and soldiers).

Four detained in Nazareth

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH.—Four local residents were arrested here this week for alleged security offences. Three were detained on Tuesday, and yesterday were brought before Chief Magistrate Elias Khaili, who ordered them remanded for 15 days. The fourth, who was arrested on Wednesday, is to be brought to court today. Publication of the names of the suspects was banned.

Police suspect they were members of a subversive organization and that they failed to report security offences known to them. It was unofficially learned that the arrests are a result of the capture of documents of the Fatah organization in last month's raid in Beirut. So far eight suspects have been arrested as a result of a study of the documents, six of them from Nazareth.

TWO JAILED FOR RAPE

HAIFA.—Two men, one from Tannur (near Acre) and the other from Nazareth, were sentenced yesterday to six and four years in prison for the rape of a Bat Yam woman in Haifa last January.

The District Court convicted All Mohammed Haidla, 24, of Tannur, and cab driver Sherif Abu Alhaja of Nazareth, of having forced the woman at knife-point to leave her home and accompany them to Haidla's room, where they raped her.

Press, radio, TV strike on Wednesday

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV.—A 24-hour warning strike of Israel's press, radio and television has been set for next Wednesday, May 9, beginning from 4 p.m., the journalists' union announced yesterday. If wage negotiations do not conclude successfully during the following week, a general journalists' strike, the first in the 34 years that Israeli journalists have been properly organized—will begin at 4 p.m. on the following Tuesday, May 15.

This was reported yesterday at a press conference here by the negotiators for the National Federation of Journalists—Levi Yitzhak Yerushalmi, Meir Ben-Gur, Yitzhak Alon and Moshe Ron.

They explained that the warning strike will shut down all radio broadcasts except for foreign language and Arabic programmes. Should there be special news of a security nature a break will be allowed, but only at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Wednesday and at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday.

There will be no TV broadcasts, and civilian newsmen at Galei Zahal, who belong to the journalists' association, will stay away from work. The strike will also shut down the Itim news agency, including the foreign news services it handles.

The journalists have called a general meeting on Sunday of newspaper, radio and TV editorial staff committees to consider further steps.

The spokesman for the National Federation of Journalists emphasized that the labour dispute broke out after the newspaper publishers and the Broadcasting Authority had rejected all compromise offers, including handing over the final decision to the arbitration of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. They also reported that Chief Labour Relations Officer Gideon Ben-Israel has intervened and is to hold further meetings with both sides by the end of the week.

Sex boutique charged

TEL AVIV.—The owners of the Erotex sex boutique here were indicted yesterday on charges of distributing pornography.

The charge sheet, filed in Magistrates' Court here, says the boutique sells slides and films which "may be detrimental to public morals."

The case will be heard by Judge Menahem Dan.

Humanities School for Negev U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA.—The development of Beersheba from a desolate Egyptian-held town to a flourishing city with its own university symbolizes the State's 25-year history, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said here yesterday as he laid the cornerstone for the Culder-Goldstein-Goren School of Humanities at the University of the Negev.

The school is to be built during the next four years at a cost of IL24m. More than IL10m. of this sum was contributed by the Culder and Goldstein-Goren families, the Fiat representatives in Israel, who were present at the ceremony.

Histadrut poll set for Sept.

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Following a major shift in ex-Mapai tactics, the Labour Party is expected to decide to hold the Histadrut elections on September 11 and not at a later date as was previously intended. Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon also switched in support of the September date after reported last-minute meetings with the leadership of the Gush—the Tel Aviv Mapai leadership.

The moves emerged at yesterday's joint meeting of the Labour-Mapai Alignment Executive with the Alignment Histadrut leadership. This forum does not take decisions but serves only as a framework for consultation. A brief party communiqué said the final decision would be taken today at a meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau.

Contrary to expectations, Mr. Ben-Aharon spoke in a low key and unlike his most recent speeches, issued no threat or ultimatum. He did not repeat his previous demands that the party give him a vote of confidence by setting a September 11 date or adopt him as the next secretary-general.

Labour party sources said two events influenced the Gush to drop its long-cherished scheme of changing the election deadline: the repeated resignation threats of Mr. Ben-Aharon and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's refusal to authorize a showdown with Ben-Aharon. Mr. Sapir was not willing, it is said, to follow his colleagues' advice and come out now in support of Labour Minister Yosef Almog for Histadrut Secretary-General.

The compromise between the Gush and Mr. Ben-Aharon was apparent in the speeches and in the words of Labour Party Secretary-General Abraham Yadin, who said "The view of the Histadrut Secretary-General must have a decisive role in this decision."

Israel ties West Ham, 2:2

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV.—Yehayahu Schwab, the reserve defender who played in the second half, headed in a goal to give Israel the lead in the 70th minute—but two minutes later diverted the ball past goalkeeper Visolker to enable West Ham United to force a 2:2 draw against the Israel national team at Bloomfield Stadium last night.

A capacity crowd of 22,000 turned out to see the London First Division team put on a competent, if not sparkling display against a hard-fighting Israel team.

Brian Robson, the top goalscorer of the English First Division, gave West Ham the lead in the 30th minute. In the 35th minute Danil scored the equalizer.

Schwager replaced Gindin in the second half and suddenly popped up to head in Talbi's corner and give Israel a 2:1 lead. Two minutes later Clyde Best drove a 25-metre shot at goal and had Schwager divert the ball past his own goalkeeper.

The match was Israel's final test before leaving next week for Seoul, for the World Cup preliminary matches.

Final rehearsal of parade tonight

Jerusalem Post Staff

The heart of Jerusalem will be closed to traffic tonight as the army runs through its final rehearsal for the Independence Day parade.

From 9.30 p.m. traffic will be closed on the parade route running from Nablus Road at Shufat via Damascus Gate, Jaffa Road, Ben-Yehuda, King George, Keren Hayesod to the railway station. Vehicles will be able to cross the route until 11 p.m. at two points—the intersection of Agron and King George, and Plumer Square near the railway station. Vehicles will also be able to cross Nablus Road from 9.30 to 10 p.m. from French Hill to Mivtar Hill.

Tonight's rehearsal, as well as the two already held this week, had originally been scheduled to start at midnight. According to a police official, Chief of Staff David Elazar ordered the start moved up to 11 p.m. in order to permit the public to view it.

Yesterday morning the Air Force staged a full dress rehearsal of the Independence Day fly-past. Despite the fact that arrangements for the rehearsal were kept from the general public, several hundred people, including entire school classes, turned out on the grandstands to watch. The display, which started at precisely 10.04 as planned, opened four Fouga Magisters trailing and white smoke, followed by helicopters with the National I.D.F. and the Air Force flag.

Formations of Phantoms, Hawks, Mirages Super Mystere, our transport aircraft and a coplanes in service—including new Bell-206—were led by grandstands by the O.C. Aluf Aluf Mordechai Hod, of the Phantom.

A sextet of Fougas per aerobically trailing smoke and figures of eights in a blue sky. They were preceded by 25 Skyhawks forming the letters "Oz Hey" for the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel.

The highlight of the 17 display was a low approach after burner-powered Phantom in a central grandstand—a man which left children crying and screaming.

Tourists who came to Israel February 7 will still be able to see the parade. Independence Day Parade is day. So far 80 per cent of 25,000 tickets earmarked for the parade have been sold.

Film on Ben-Gurion shown next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV.—A full-length technical colour film on David Ben-Gurion's life, featuring the leaders of the nation speaking with him in English, will have its world premiere on May 10 at the Tel Aviv Cinema here.

The film named "Ben-Gurion Remembers" will be shown in the presence of President Zalman Shazar. All proceeds from the charity premiere (IL200 per couple) will go to the Paula Ben-Gurion Community Centre of the Working Mothers' Organization in Jaffa. The former Premier will make one of his rare visits to the cinema for this occasion.

This was reported to the press here yesterday by author Michael Bar-Zohar, who conceived the film and wrote the script. Mrs. Ora Namir and Rima Barkai of the Working Women's Organization, Negev Foundation Director Shmuel Frankel and Alex Masias of Israelfilm.

The film was directed by Shimon Hissari and it cost IL300,000 and contains many stills from Ben-Gurion's life and Zionist history.

A former member of the Defense League in the 1940s, the militia witness yesterday trial of 10 League members with causing damage to a mission in Jerusalem last February 5 at the Le Yosef Schneider of the Le Yosef. They reported to the court that they gave them their weapons. Although she doesn't stand Hebrew, she told the court that she understood that they were to destroy the matter found in the International for Holy Scriptures, on the of Olives.

The girl said she stayed when the others went into action—posing as tourists that when they came out at stood that they had set in place.

On trial, in addition to Alexander Lischitzky, 22, was 23 Barak Ben El, three 17-year-old boys, and a 16-year-old girl. All 10 have charges.

ISRAEL'S NATIONAL basketball team yesterday trounced South Korea 106-86 (51-40) in a friendly match in Bucharest, the Rumanian news agency reported.

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Vietcong again fire on cease-fire copters

SAIGON. — Two International Control Commission helicopters flew unscathed through a heavy barrage of Communist anti-aircraft fire yesterday, once more highlighting concern about the safety of observers policing the Vietnam cease-fire.

Neither of the brightly painted helicopters was hit as they flew down a supposedly safe air corridor near the demilitarized zone agreed with the Vietcong.

The helicopters were flying from Quang Tri City, northernmost boundary of South Vietnamese government territory, to Gio Linh to collect the wreckage of another helicopter shot down by a Communist missile on April 7.

The two helicopters, clearly marked with fluorescent stripes, first ran into automatic weapons fire about 1½ kms. from Quang Tri and then a five-minute barrage of heavy calibre anti-aircraft fire.

But despite the heavy fire the helicopters and the people aboard them escaped.

The two craft were being flown by American civilian pilots on contract to the commission and in the face of the Communist gunfire they swung around and headed back to Hue, the ICOS regional headquarters.

The incident came only hours after the ICOS, for the second time, refused to fly to Communist-held Loc Ninh, 150 kms. north of Saigon because Vietcong safety measures were considered insufficient.

Leaders of the four commission delegations — Canada, Hungary, In-

donesia and Poland — were told of yesterday's attack and agreed to seek an explanation from the Saigon delegation of the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government.

Canadian officials, long unhappy with Vietcong safety guarantees, were predictably angry at the latest shooting.

A spokesman said: "It seems ludicrous it should happen to a helicopter which was going to pick up the remains of another helicopter which was earlier shot down. This lack of security is quite unacceptable."

A similar dispute over security arrangements blocked release of 400 Communist civilian war prisoners at Loc Ninh, South Vietnam, yesterday.

Li-Col. Le Trung Hien said the Saigon government was unable to carry out the planned release because ICOS officials refused to go to the scene to oversee the release. The ICOS had requested an air corridor about eight kms. wide, but the Vietcong guaranteed safety only in a four-km corridor.

In Cambodia yesterday, fighting slackened in the countryside but went on as usual around the capital, the Cambodian high command said.

American fighter-bombers dropped bombs and napalm on suspected rebel positions on the east bank of the Mekong River just east of the capital. The bombing took place in an area the Cambodian government said had been cleared of Communist troops on Monday.

Refugees continued to flow into the city from the east, sometimes pausing to watch the bombing runs of the American planes, which observers said could also be seen from the Cambodian capital.

There was no indication whether the new four-man ruling council headed by President Lon Nol has yet assumed power, political sources said. The council includes members of the opposition party.

(Reuters, UPI)

Joint-smoking crowd disrupts Berkeley council

BERKELEY, California (AP). — A raucous crowd shouting "smoke that joint" disrupted the Berkeley City Council meeting after council members called for an investigation into the legality of the city's new marijuana ordinance.

About 200 persons — including some smoking marijuana — jammed the council chambers on Tuesday night and shouted their displeasure at the council action on the initiative which sought to prevent police from making arrests for marijuana use.

The council ordered a recess and was unable to resume business when more than 400 persons looked outside the chambers entered the building by removing glass panes from outside doors.

"The Berkeley marijuana initiative has been effectively negated," councilwoman Ilona Hancock declared after the council approved the resolution directing officials to enforce the law until they determine its legality.

Approved overwhelmingly by voters on April 17, the initiative called for police to give lowest priority to enforcement of laws against the possession, use or cultivation of marijuana. It also required police to obtain council permission before making arrests for marijuana violations.

NO ARABIC, NO VISA

WASHINGTON (AP). — Libya has refused to allow an American diplomat to enter because his passport was not in the Arabic language, the State Department said yesterday.

According to department spokesman Charles Bray, the Libyan government denied entry to John R. Countryman, an economic commercial officer. The details were sketchy on the incident, but Bray said the incident took place in the last few days.

He added that the exclusion of Countryman, who had left Libya on leave and was attempting to re-enter, is part of a growing effort by the Arab country to keep non-Arab speaking persons out.

This policy was made evident in a note delivered to the state department Tuesday afternoon noting that the Tripoli government does not recognize passports unless Arabic is one of the languages used.



West German Chancellor Willy Brandt shares a joke with President Nixon on Tuesday when the President took him on a tour of the White House rose garden.

Arab who killed El Al man demands to be freed

ROME. — Rome police said yesterday that an Arab gunman who shot dead an Italian employee of the Israeli El Al airline has warned there will be reprisals if he is not set free.

They added that the gunman's Lebanese passport in the name of Zaharia Abu Saleh was a fake and that in fact he was Syrian.

The man shot dead Vittorio Olivares in broad daylight last Friday, and said the murder was to avenge the killing of the Rome El Al representative, Wall Abdel Zuaiter, last October. Saleh said "I had to kill the man because he played a very important role in the assassination of Zuaiter."

Saleh also told police that he was a member of the Black September organization, but Black September has since disowned him. When told by police that Black September had denied he was a member of the group, Saleh said the denial was an expedient. "You will see that I won't remain here long. You will be victims of reprisals and you will have to free me," he told police.

He also said that if his real identity were to be made known his family in Syria would be exposed to reprisals.

Italian papers commented yesterday, that Rome seemed to have turned into a battleground for anti-Israeli terrorism. They also speculated that the release pending trial of two Arabs charged with attempted mass murder by putting a booby-trapped record player on an El Al plane last August may have led Saleh to believe he could get away with a light sentence.

Olivares was buried here yesterday after a large church service during which about 100 wreaths were laid on the coffin. Flags over El Al offices all over the world were lowered to half mast during the funeral, and all El Al staffers stopped work at 11 a.m. for five minutes, in mourning for their slain co-worker.

(Reuters, AP)

Argentine president-to-be flies home for talks

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentine president-elect Hector Campora flew home from Madrid yesterday for urgent talks with the ruling military junta as an upsurge in leftwing guerrilla violence put much of the country under martial law.

Dr. Campora, who takes office in about three weeks, hurried back from the Spanish capital, where he had been conferring with his political mentor, former Argentine President Juan Peron. The junta leaders, who on Tuesday clamped military law on Buenos Aires and five provinces, are expected to impress upon Dr. Campora the need to maintain strict security measures to

wipe out urban guerrilla activity after he takes office.

Dr. Campora, 64, returned to Buenos Aires at the invitation of soldier-President Alejandro Lanusse following the latest incident in the wave of guerrilla violence — Monday's assassination of a retired rear admiral on a busy street in central Buenos Aires.

Along with the declaration of martial law, the death penalty was reintroduced for kidnapping and for possession of arms and explosives. Heavy prison sentences were also established for attacks on members of the security forces, whether on or off duty, and all public rallies and demonstrations were banned.

West Germans ask Iraq to allow Jews to leave country

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Fifty-nine prominent West Germans, among them such divergent personalities as former World Council of Churches President Pastor Martin Niemöller and leading left-wing Socialist Jochen Steffen, have appealed to Iraq to permit its remaining Jews to leave the country.

The group announced here it has also asked the Iraqi government to allow "international observers" to investigate the fate of 10 Jews thought to have been murdered in Iraqi prisons.

The group charged that an estimated 415 Jews still in Iraq had been "robbed of all possibilities of existence."

Among the signers are 27 university professors, authors Carl Amerer and Paul Schalknecht, and Protestant bishop Kurt Sharr.

Jochen Steffen is head of Chancellor Willy Brandt's Social Democratic party in Schleswig-Holstein state.

Pastor Niemöller, a World War I submarine captain who later turned to the church, spent the years 1938 to 1945 in Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps for his opposition to Hitler.

Representatives of the Iraqi government in Bonn denounced the allegations that 10 Iraqi Jews had been murdered in Iraq as part of a world-wide provocation campaign against their country.

The Iraqis denied that any Jews had been arrested in Iraq and said the 10 Jews mentioned in the petition had left Iraq illegally, and were now staying in neighbouring Iran.

Australian seamen ban French ships

SYDNEY (AP). — A ban was imposed on French ships on Tuesday by the seamen's union of Australia in protest against the expected resumption of French nuclear bomb testing in the Pacific Ocean.

Union secretary Elliott said members overwhelmingly supported a resolution calling for "a policy of harassment to any French shipping in any Australian port."

"French ships here will be immobilised," said Elliott in an interview. "Ninety-nine per cent of ships require tugs to help them dock. The tug crews will not work French ships."

The seamen's union is the first to initiate anti-French industrial action in the current wave of protest against France. Many other trade unions in Australia have threatened bans and boycotts, but they have delayed implementing them until a scheduled May 10 meeting with the Australian council of trade unions.

Elliott said "Our members did not want to wait in taking action."



Mark Spitz, winner of seven gold medals at the Munich Olympic Games, leaves the Santa Monica courthouse on Monday with fiancée, Susan Weber, 21, after they took out a marriage license. Spitz said they would marry on Sunday.

European allies anxious over Watergate's effect on Nixon

LONDON (UPI). — America's European allies have begun to show signs of real anxiety over the impact of the Watergate affair on the international scene, probably for the first time since the scandal broke forcefully into the open.

It is not primarily the shock over the mushrooming domestic crisis and its spread to high echelons of the Administration which has hit European policy makers.

They are perturbed over what the scandal could do to President Nixon himself and whether it could weaken his position to the point where his effectiveness might be impaired.

Until a few days ago, European diplomats and politicians followed developments in Washington with amazement rather than worry. But suddenly the picture has begun to change.

The issue has become increasingly a matter of European self-interest. The question European politicians have begun to ask is whether Mr. Nixon will be able to "deliver" the Congressional votes for the vital decisions now under preparation for future relations between the U.S. and Russia and the Atlantic alliance.

They are asking what would happen if the President were to emerge weakened and his powers of decision impaired. Both Europeans and Russians and Chinese want to deal with a strong President and consider it imperative that he is "effective."

The uneasiness in Europe is heightened by the imminent talks on a new relationship between America and the European Community.

The President has a long way to go to proceed with the plan.

Some among the Europeans have reacted with real concern. The past few days have seen a new note of caution. While since been raised for a strategy on the part of counseling a wait-and-see approach.

A "pause" has been suggested to allow the "dust to settle," clearly if there was to be trouble ahead in Washington.

So far, none among the key leaders has come out. Mr. Nixon or turned their backs. In fact none of the Western leaders has taken a stand on what is still diplomatically termed a domestic affair.

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Watergate

(Continued from page 3) at the U.S. embassy which can be reached on Department communication ties.

An account of the action to be contained in secret 5 paragraph files turned over by a federal grand jury. The panel is investigating \$200,000 campaign one from Vesco to the Comm the Re-election of the Pres April 10, 1972.

The newspaper said Mitchell in January 1972, a month before he resigned the re-election committee.

The Senate yesterday, Republican-sponsored resolution on President Nixon to an independent investigator the Watergate bugging case a group of Nixon supporters tried to overturn it. Congress as liberal Republicans the resolution, which was a voice vote with only a few Senators in the chamber.

While the resolution was to have a wide degree of support, a group of five supporters of Mr. Nixon began an effort to have overturned.

The group charged that the resolution was pushed through notice to all members of the Senate and amounted to a motion confidence in the President Senate adjourned for 2 without resolving a dispute, or whether, to vote the issue.

Connally switch Republican party

HOUSTON (UPI). — John Connally, 56, the former Texas and U.S. Treasury Secretary life-long Democrat, yesterday switched to the Republican party, saying it was "to help it needs and aspirations of the people."

Connally, who resigned after 18 months as Democrat in Nixon's cabinet, said he would run for president to succeed Nixon in 1976.

"I believe that in our Republican party best, the broad views of millions, whatever their political affiliation," Connally said in a statement at his Houston office.



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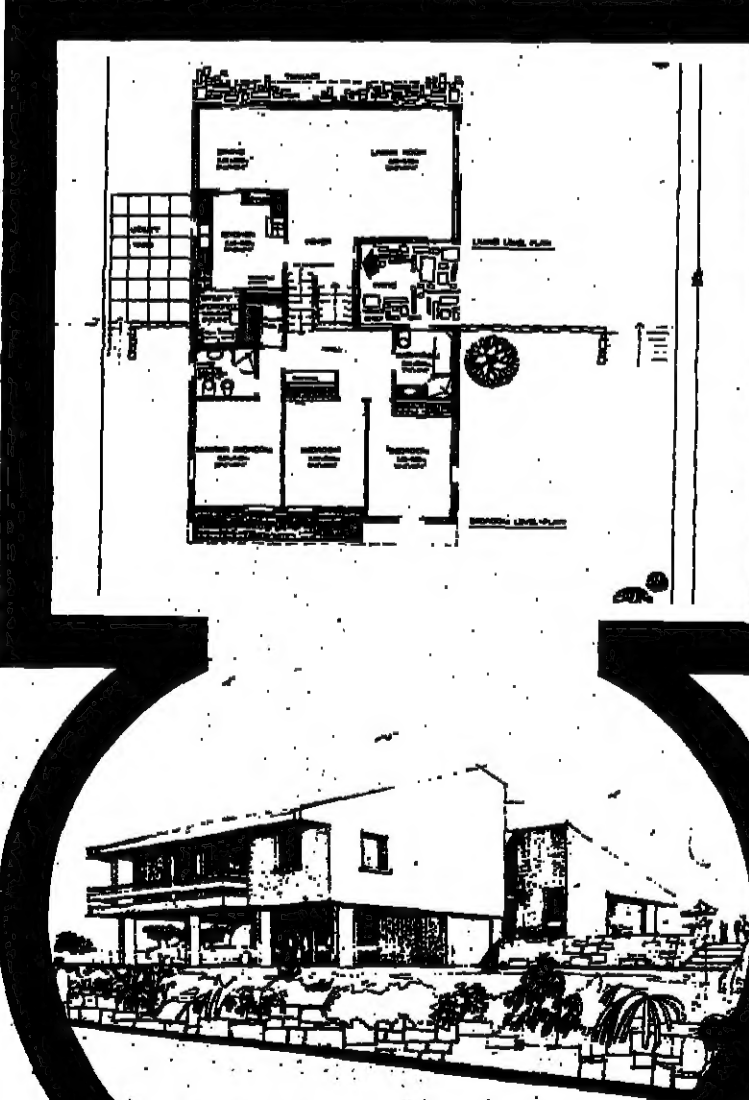
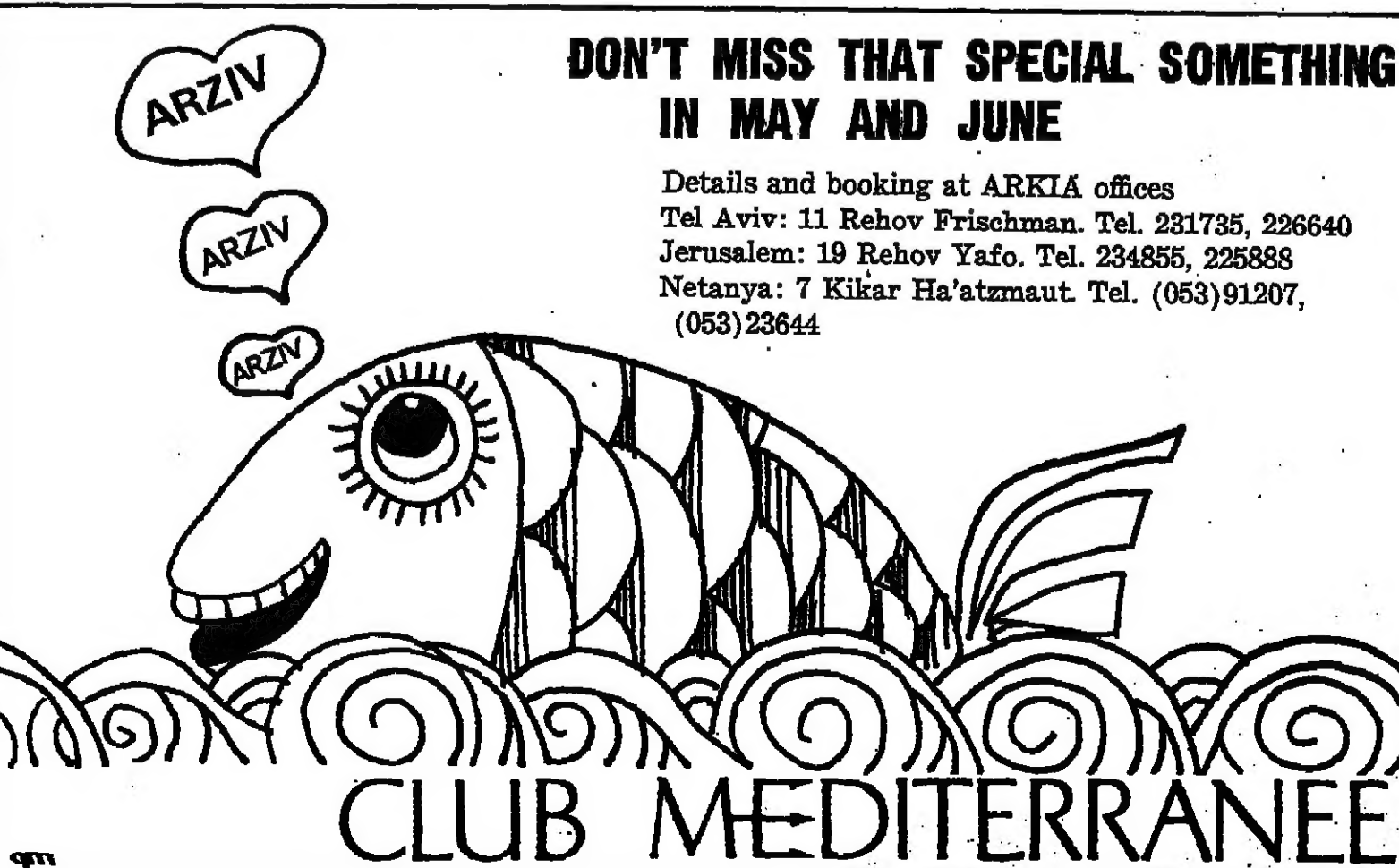
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SADAT SPEECH 'REFLECTS AIRO'S FRUSTRATION'

By LANDAU

President Sadat's belated speech is seen in reflecting the deep frustration and anger of the Egyptian leadership, but it is also a serious warning to the West that Egypt is not ready to return to the status quo ante.

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President Anwar Sadat of Egypt acknowledges the crowd's cheers during his speech at a May Day rally at Mehalla el-Khara, Egypt's textile industrial centre. (AP radiophoto)

Israel expects Mirages to return to Libya

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel expects the 18 French-supplied Mirage warplanes which Libya transferred to Egypt to quietly make their way back to Libya, a senior official said in Jerusalem yesterday.

The official stressed that even if the planes were returned to Libya the essential injustice of the French arms embargo — which denied supplies to Israel and Egypt but allowed them to Libya — remained. Strategically there was little difference whether the planes were stationed in Libya or in Egypt. For all intents and purposes they were part of the Egyptian air force reserve, the official said.

Formally, Israel is still awaiting an official French response to the information on the planes' transfer which Foreign Minister Abba Eban transmitted to French Ambassador Francois Hure ten days ago. The senior official said he did not anticipate that the French would deny outright that the planes had been moved to Egypt — since Israel was not the only country which had reported that they were moved.

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On Monday, the "Christian Science Monitor" quoted intelligence reports as stating that Libya already has brought home the 18 Mirages. According to the reports, Gaddafi originally sent the aircraft to two Egyptian airfields to protect

Madrid police seize coffin of slain colleague

MADRID. — Hundreds of police seized the coffin of a colleague killed in a May Day clash and paraded it around downtown Madrid demanding permission to use firearms against demonstrators.

Witnesses reported the policemen shouted demands for the restoration of Interior Minister Tomas Garricano Goni. Some cried, "Let's get the reds."

At the same time, political sources reported some high-ranking military officers met to discuss the situation created by a series of May Day clashes in Spain.

A policeman, Antonio Gutierrez, 21, had his throat cut and six other policemen were injured when Communist youths carrying red banners, sticks, iron bars and knives clashed with police near Atocha railroad station. It was the worst of several May Day incidents in Madrid and the provinces. Political sources said the clash may mean the government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco is adopting a harder line against opposition trends. Spain's three stock exchanges reported a wave of selling.

Some tension was also reported from Barcelona where Spain's biggest industrial enterprise, the Seat auto factory, said it has prolonged a lockout of its 24,000 workers until May 7.

The workers struck Saturday in a protest against increased social security deductions and were subsequently locked out, as strikes are illegal in Spain.

The killing attack on police was carried out by four youths, news reports said. While the attention of police was distracted by demonstrators converging from various directions, the four — reportedly teenagers — sneaked up on a group of policemen and carried out the killings in seconds.

Gutierrez was "butchered" while the youths were planning him to the ground, one report said. According to police sources, the Atocha station squads were under orders not to use their firearms. This, they said, explained why the slayers all got away.

Police said 145 persons have been detained for questioning. At the funeral, a colleague of the dead policeman told reporters: "The demonstrators were well organized. There were women with axes and knives and men armed with iron bars with knife blades strapped to the end. They were out to kill us in cold blood. We did not even draw our revolvers or fire a shot. They were just lying in wait for us."

Bombs start blaze in Buenos Aires theatre

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Several bombs placed by unknown terrorists started a fire in a theatre here yesterday where the play "Jesus Christ Superstar" was scheduled to be opened in a few days. Conservative and traditionalist Roman Catholic groups had protested against the play, calling it "irreverent."

Jailed Soviet dissident regrets his protest activities

MOSCOW (UPI). — Jailed dissident Pyotr Yakir has signed a letter disavowing all his activities as a protest leader and urging others not to make the same "mistakes," dissident sources said yesterday.

The sources said they did not know if the letter was authentic or had been signed by Yakir under duress. Yakir, son of a Red Army general shot during the Stalin purges of the 1930s, was arrested last June 21. There have been frequent reports that he has denounced other dissidents to the KGB (secret police).

The sources said the letter now circulating in the dissident community was addressed to nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov, father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb and founder of the unofficial committee on human rights.

In the letter, Yakir said he undertook dissident activities to combat what he regarded as a rebirth of Stalinism, but "gradually embarked on the path of anti-Sovietism" and wrote a series of slanderous letters "against our social and state regime."

Yakir also noted that he protested against a number of Soviet trials but was now convinced that he had defended "persons who had committed serious crimes." He said his letters and other documents had reached the West and had been used for propaganda purposes by enemies of the Soviet Union.



Pyotr Yakir

Yakir said Sakharov's actions also have served anti-Soviet purposes abroad. "I will be infinitely happy," the letter said, "if what I have written will enable you to avoid those mistakes and confusions that, unfortunately, I did not manage to avoid and that I recognized when it was already too late."

'Kuwait to buy London plot for \$37m.'

LONDON. — Kuwait, which is seeking ways to invest its oil earnings, will this week initial a \$37m. purchase of real estate in London's posh Berkeley Square, according to "Newsweek."

The oil-rich state announced recently that it intended to buy plush parcels of land in every major capital of the world, and early this year the Kuwaitis began implementing their plans by purchasing the major share of a \$30m. plot on Paris's Champs-Élysées.

The London deal is phase two of the land-buying scheme. The Kuwaitis intend to build offices, apartments and a trade centre on the site.

Ex-U.K. envoy to Libya to go to U.N.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A former ambassador to Libya is to be the next British ambassador to the United Nations. Donald Maitland, who has been press officer and personal adviser to Prime Minister Edward Heath for the past three years, will succeed Sir Colin Crooke, who is due to retire in September.

Castro moots regional union

HAVANA (Reuters). — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro told cheering May Day crowds he favours a regional organization for Latin America and the Caribbean, but it must exclude the U.S.

Dr. Castro told a mass rally on Revolution Square that the island was ready to establish links and cooperate with any country in Latin America as long as it had an independent foreign policy, whatever its political system.

But the O.A.S. was "a mere ministry of the colonies, an instrument of hegemony of the U.S."

There had been great changes in Latin America since 1959, when "people used to give the Cuban revolution a very small chance of survival, imperialists thought they could smash it like a mere cockroach," Dr. Castro said.

At that time "it was fashionable to break diplomatic relations with our country and submit it to an economic blockade." But now the question was, not whether Cuba could rejoin the O.A.S., it was whether the organization could continue to exist.

Dr. Castro, who was speaking after a three-hour May Day parade, said he favoured a regional grouping of Latin American states and the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean which would exclude the U.S. and have its headquarters in Latin America.

Anti-Israel offensive seen by Arab bloc at OAU parley

NAIROBI (Reuters). — The countries of Black Africa expect a full-scale diplomatic offensive against Israel by the Arab bloc in this month's all-Africa summit conference at Addis Ababa.

It will be the 10th annual summit of the 41-nation Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the heads of state are to draft a keynote policy declaration for independent Africa's second decade.

Diplomats in African capitals expect the North African Arab bloc to try to get a toughly-phrased condemnation of Israel into the document, and to persuade more Black African states to sever relations with the Jewish state.

The example was set last April by Uganda's President Idi Amin, who expelled all Israeli experts and broke off relations after striking up a friendship with fellow Moslem Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

Libyan arms and aid have since arrived in Uganda.

Chad, Congo, Mali and Niger have followed General Amin's lead. Gaddafi has now reopened the issue with a telegram to African heads of state saying he will only attend the Addis Ababa summit if the Black nations "define their attitude" towards Israel in a way that conforms with Libyan policy.

The Libyan leader used the argument that Israeli troops in Sinai were occupying "territory belonging to the largest African state — the Arab republic of Egypt."

Observers here doubted if a Libyan boycott would make the entire North African Arab bloc and its friends stay away. But it seemed that Colonel Gaddafi was making a split likely at the 10th birthday summit.

Gaddafi's cable was likely to have displeased the conference host, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The Ethiopian empire has good relations with Israel, and the fact was recalled by Gaddafi in his cable.

The "enemy" has an embassy in the heart of Addis Ababa, the headquarters of the O.A.U., he said.

Approval for Gaddafi's view came from General Amin, who quickly got off a cabled reply to Gaddafi offering his own capital of Kampala as the host for the summit conference instead of Addis Ababa.

Amin hailed Gaddafi as "a true son of Africa."

Anti-Soviet protest in London cinema

LONDON (INA). — Two demonstrations took place yesterday during the premiere of Soviet film "Solaris," at a local cinema here.

The "Thirty-five Committee" handed a card to each visitor, recording the injustice done to Isaac Shkolnik, the Ukrainian Jew jailed for 10 years recently. Young Herut members unfurled a banner before the screen, protesting against the Shkolnik trial.

They were asked to end their demonstration so the film could be screened, and they did so without incident.

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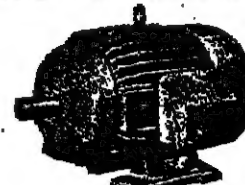
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lic is underwritten by Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M. Central Bk.
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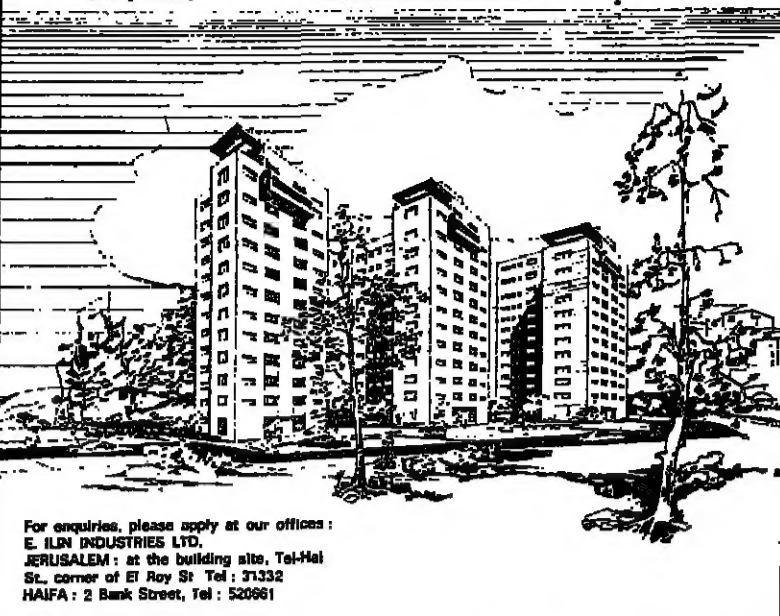
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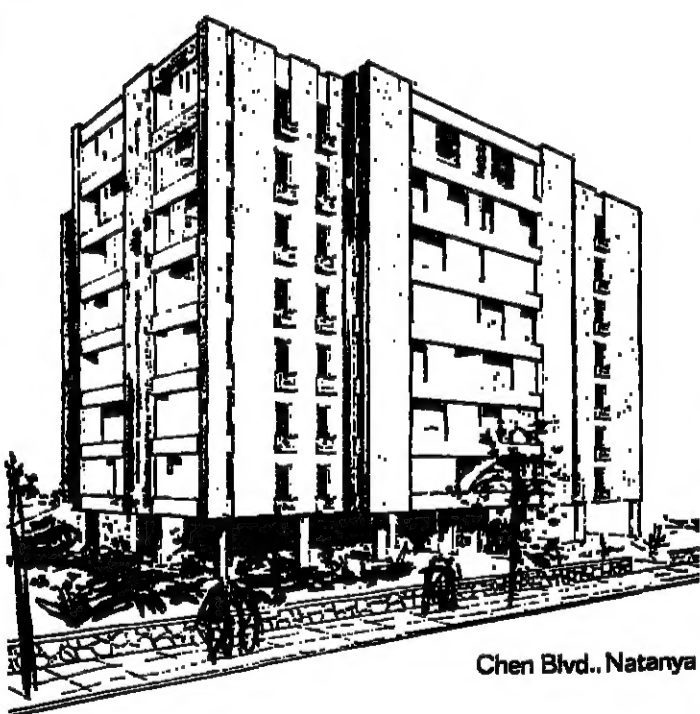
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"Independence" Mortgage and Development Bank Limited

Balance Sheet at December 31, 1972

| | 1972 Israel pounds | 1971 Israel pounds | | 1972 Israel pounds | 1971 Israel pounds |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| LOANS RECEIVABLE — collateralized by mortgage or other securities, notes "B" and "K" | 78,827,414 | 66,118,174 | SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| DEPOSITS WITH ISRAEL TREASURY — linked to consumer price index | 2,956,318 | 3,875,687 | Share capital (registered shares), note "H" | 6,750,000 | 5,625,000 |
| AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE IN RESPECT OF INSURANCE OF EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES, NET OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS DUE, see note "G" | 7,388,298 | 8,875,444 | Surplus: | | |
| CASH AT BANKS | 425,235 | 718,389 | Revenue reserve | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND PREPAYMENTS (including income tax recoverable — IL26,198) | 533,113 | 53,119 | Retained earnings, per accompanying statement of income and retained earnings | 235,475 | 128,346 |
| GOVERNMENT COMPULSORY LOANS — payments on account | 954,218 | 458,386 | | 7,985,475 | 6,807,446 |
| OFFICE PREMISES, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT — at cost, less accumulated depreciation, note "C" | 581,276 | 618,749 | RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF TAXES ON INCOME, note "F" | 1,000,206 | 698,000 |
| DEFERRED CHARGES — EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO ISSUE OF DEBENTURES AND RECEIPT OF DEPOSITS — less amortization, note "D" | 2,985,459 | 1,915,156 | DEBENTURES AND DEPOSITS FOR GRANTING OF LOANS (including current maturities) — secured, see notes "A" and "G": | | |
| CONTRA ACCOUNTS — debtors for guarantees assumed | 520,000 | 3,000 | Debentures — \$11,111,750 (1971 — \$10,821,250), including interest accrued | 56,233,641 | 46,108,420 |
| | 85,171,320 | 88,016,044 | Deposits: | | |
| | | | In U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000), including interest accrued | 17,258,500 | 17,258,500 |
| | | | Linked to consumer price index — secured on counterpart loans granted | 9,069,782 | 8,088,953 |
| | | | | 82,561,923 | 71,448,963 |
| | | | OTHER LIABILITIES: | | |
| | | | Debentures matured — principal and exchange differences — secured, see note "G" | 4,156 | 10,719 |
| | | | Taxes on income and compulsory loans, less advances | | 889,986 |
| | | | Other payables | 3,109,562 | 3,215,041 |
| | | | | 3,113,718 | 3,065,745 |
| | | | CONTRA ACCOUNTS — guarantees assumed | 520,000 | 3,000 |
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| | | | J. HAMBURG } Directors | | |
| | | | | 95,171,320 | 88,016,044 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF "INDEPENDENCE" MORTGAGE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED
We have examined the balance sheet of "Independence" Mortgage and Development Bank Limited at December 31, 1972 and the related statement of income and retained earnings for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and retained earnings present fairly the financial position of the bank at December 31, 1972 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and comply with the requirements of the Securities (Preparation of Financial Statements) Regulations, 1969.
Tel Aviv, March 15, 1973.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1972

Note "A" — Linkage Terms
Receivables linked to the U.S. dollar and indebtedness repayable in U.S. dollars are stated at the official exchange rate in force as from August 22, 1971 — \$1 = IL4.20.
Receivables and indebtedness linked to the consumer price index are stated on basis of the November 1972 index (base: average 1964 = 100.0) — 174.2 points (1971 — November 1971 index — 155.4 points).
Note "B" — Loans Receivable
Classified by linkage terms (see note "A"), as follows:

| | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Linked to the U.S. dollar | 6,928,603 | 7,085,816 |
| Linked to the consumer price index, after deduction of IL25,000 (1971 — IL185,000) — allowance for doubtful debts in respect of specific loans | 11,029,853 | 12,763,158 |
| Unlinked | 69,868,963 | 46,269,200 |
| | 78,827,414 | 66,118,174 |

Note "C" — Office premises, Vehicles and Equipment:
1. Cost of assets and accumulated depreciation are as follows:

| | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Depreciated cost | | |
|--|---------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | |
| Office premises (not yet registered in name of the bank) | 453,500 | 2-10 | 34,074 | 419,426 | 430,776 |
| Office furniture and equipment | 187,108 | 6-10 | 61,417 | 125,691 | 139,774 |
| Vehicles | 60,265 | 15 | 24,106 | 36,159 | 45,199 |
| | 700,873 | | 119,597 | 581,276 | 615,749 |

2. Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method on basis of the estimated useful life of the assets, according to rates recognized by the income tax authorities.

Note "D" — Deferred charges — expenses incidental to issue of debentures and receipt of deposits:
1. As follows:

| | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Amounts deferred: | | |
| At beginning of year | 6,724,782 | 5,552,282 |
| Incur during the year | 1,701,000 | 1,172,500 |
| At end of year | 8,425,782 | 6,724,782 |
| Less — amortization (see 2 hereafter): | | |
| At beginning of year | 4,811,826 | 4,044,292 |
| For the year | 628,697 | 767,334 |
| At end of year | 5,440,523 | 4,811,826 |
| Balance at end of year | 2,985,459 | 1,915,156 |

2. The policy of the bank is to amortize the deferred charges according to a formula which takes into consideration the period of the debentures or deposits and the balances outstanding at the end of each year.

Note "E" — Share Capital
As follows:

| | Authorized | Issued and paid | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | December 31 | December 31 | |
| | 1972 and 1971 | 1972 | 1971 |
| Ordinary shares of IL1 par value | 10,000,000 | 6,750,000 | 5,625,000 |

Note "F" — Reserve for equalization of taxes on income
Represents the tax effects of timing differences in reporting commission income for financial and tax purposes. The reserve has been calculated at the tax rate of 55.5% — the regular tax rate applicable to companies in force at the date of signature of this financial report.

Note "G" — Debentures and deposits for granting of loans
The debentures are denominated in U.S. dollars, are secured by floating charges on all the assets of the bank and carry interest at the annual rate of 7% payable semi-annually in U.S. dollars.
The deposit in U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000) is refundable semi-annually commencing February 1973 and carries interest at the annual rate of 9% payable semi-annually in U.S. dollars.
Amounts outstanding in respect of debentures unamortized are as follows:

| | Original amount | Amount outstanding |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 1972 | December 31, 1971 |
| | U.S. dollars | U.S. dollars |
| Series "G" 1966-74 | 4,000,000 | 1,093,750 |
| " " " 1966-77 | 2,500,000 | 1,125,000 |
| " " " 1969-78 | 2,000,000 | 1,375,000 |
| " " " 1970-79 | 2,000,000 | 1,625,000 |
| " " " 1971-82 | 2,000,000 | 1,700,000 |
| " " " 1972-83 | 2,000,000 | 1,900,000 |
| " " " 1973-83 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| | 16,500,000 | 9,193,750 |
| Amount received on account of series "J", 1973-86 (1971 — series "I") | 3,912,000 | 1,515,000 |
| | 13,111,750 | 10,821,250 |

| | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|-------------------|--|
| | December 31 | December 31 |
| | Original amount | Balance of original amount outstanding |
| | December 31, 1972 | December 31, 1971 |
| | U.S. dollars | U.S. dollars |
| Series "G" 1966-74 | 10,000,000 | 7,213,500 |
| " " " 1966-77 | 7,500,000 | 2,937,500 |
| " " " 1969-78 | 7,000,000 | 4,125,000 |
| " " " 1970-79 | 7,000,000 | 4,875,000 |
| " " " 1971-82 | 7,000,000 | 5,250,000 |
| " " " 1972-83 | 7,000,000 | 5,900,000 |
| " " " 1973-83 | 7,000,000 | 6,400,000 |
| | 55,000,000 | 38,400,000 |
| Amounts received on account of series "J", 1973-86 (1971 — series "I") | 14,455,000 | 5,850,000 |
| | 40,485,000 | 28,550,000 |

* Repaid prior to maturity dates.

3. Amounts outstanding, classified by years of maturity, are as follows:

| | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | December 31 | December 31 |
| | U.S. dollars | U.S. dollars |
| Payable Within: | | |
| One year | 7,092,791 | 504,497 |
| Two years | 5,833,600 | 1,388,925 |
| Three years | 5,833,600 | 727,294 |
| Four years | 4,761,350 | 785,632 |
| Five years | 4,236,350 | 549,486 |
| Six to ten years | 11,626,000 | 219,889 |
| Over ten years | 840,000 | 2,550,121 |
| Amounts received on account of series "J", 1973-86 (1971 — series "I") | 16,455,000 | 5,850,000 |
| | 56,233,641 | 17,258,500 |
| Linkage differences (not classified by year of maturity) | 2,924,782 | 1,947,038 |
| | 59,058,423 | 19,205,538 |

* Includes IL1,194,281 — accrued interest (1971 — IL288,170).
** Including accrued interest — IL258,500 (1971 — accrued interest).

The amounts obtained by the bank from the proceeds of the issue of its debentures (or from deposit in U.S. dollars) and which have not been granted to borrowers as dollar-linked loans, have been insured with Tural, The Insurance Company of Israel, Ltd. against the risk of devaluation of the Israeli pound.

Note "H" — Severance Pay
In consideration of current deposits regularly remitted by the bank to "Tas" Provident Fund for Employees affiliated to Bank Leumi Le-Israel, E.M., the latter has assumed liability for severance pay to employees of the bank.

Note "I" — Accounting Treatment of Linkage and Exchange Differences, and Premium Payable for Insurance of Exchange Differences
Linkage and exchange differences (both collected and not yet collected) and linkage differences, exchange differences and insurance premium (both paid and not yet paid) have been netted against each other, the resulting balance having been charged to income.

Note "J" — Accounting Treatment of Commission Received on Granting of Loans
Commission received from the borrowers on granting of loans is treated as income in the year of granting of the loan. If such commission would be recognized as income over the average period of the respective loans, an accumulated amount of IL1,809,544 would have been treated as deferred income at December 31, 1972 (1971 — IL304,481).

Note "K" — Interest on Overdue Loans Receivable
The amount of interest receivable but uncollected which had been charged to borrowers in respect of loans where not more than two instalments have been received from borrowers in two years, has been deducted in the financial statements from loans receivable and from interest income. In 1972 no such amounts have been deducted. Out of amounts deducted in previous years a sum of IL134,296 has been restored to income in 1971 in respect of collections and presented among income credits relating to prior years.

Note "L" — Taxes on Income
Final tax assessments have been received through 1969.

Note "M" — Transactions with "Interested Parties," as defined in the Securities (Preparation of Financial Statements) Regulations, 1969:

- The bank has been informed by its parent company, Fomento Investment Corp. S.A. that at December 31, 1972 it held \$10,940,100 (1971 — \$8,199,550) of the outstanding debentures of the bank; it has also placed a deposit of \$4,000,000 with the bank (see note "G").
- The bank charged interest in respect of a loan granted to Fomento to issue of debentures and receipt of deposits, see note "D". The interest (a subsidiary of the bank's parent company), The Interest amounting to IL50,776 (1970 — IL47,726) is included in income. The interest rate charged was 16% p.a. (1971 — 12%). The loan amount outstanding at December 31, 1972 was IL460,307 (1971 — IL233,682). The highest amount outstanding during 1972 was IL222,395 (1971 — IL748,423).

"INDEPENDENCE" MORTGAGE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

| | 1972 Israel pounds | 1971 Israel pounds |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME, see notes "I", "J", "K" and "M": | | |
| Interest and commission | 11,982,982 | 8,982,353 |
| Linkage differences — on principal and interest — net | 1,288,144 | 2,923,572 |
| | 13,271,126 | 11,905,925 |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| Financing: | | |
| In connection with debentures and deposit in U.S. dollars: | | |
| Interest | 4,326,822 | 3,186,763 |
| Premium for insurance of exchange differences, see notes "G" and "I" | 3,443,533 | 1,986,101 |
| Amortization of deferred charges — expenses incidental to issue of debentures and receipt of deposits, see note "D" | 628,697 | 767,334 |
| Other interest and financing expenses | 477,858 | 536,858 |
| Administrative and general expenses: | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 289,836 | 283,123 |
| Other | 441,518 | 382,121 |
| | 5,000,216 | 4,790,217 |
| | 8,326,611 | 6,790,217 |
| | 4,944,515 | 5,094,908 |
| INCOME CREDITS RELATING TO PRIOR YEARS: | | |
| Interest on overdue loans receivable, see note "K" | | 124,296 |
| Elimination of allowance for doubtful debts — portion no longer required | 80,000 | |
| | 80,000 | 124,296 |
| INCOME BEFORE TAXES ON INCOME | 4,763,823 | 5,229,204 |
| TAXES ON INCOME: | | |
| Current (1971 — after elimination of provision — IL112,564 — for prior years taxes no longer required) | 3,376,000 | 2,387,946 |
| Deferred — carried to reserve for equalization of taxes on income, see note "F" | 282,306 | 5,000 |
| | 3,658,306 | 2,392,946 |
| NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR | 1,105,517 | 2,836,258 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 128,346 | 700,475 |
| NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR, as above | 2,199,687 | 2,836,258 |
| | 2,328,033 | 2,837,083 |
| LESS: | | |
| Distribution of IL1 bonus shares — at rate of 20% (1971 — 20%) | 1,125,000 | 1,125,000 |
| Dividend — gross — 20% (1971 — 45%) | 2,306,258 | 2,306,258 |
| Deduct — decrease in bank's tax liability resulting from dividend distribution | 337,500 | (676,562) |
| | 1,613,758 | 1,613,758 |
| | 714,275 | 1,223,325 |
| Transfer to revenue reserve | 386,475 | 500,000 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR | 327,800 | 723,325 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE JERUSALEM POST

THE THIRTIES ARE ALL THE RAGE NOW

As a time when they searched
for amusing things to stifle
dom, like helping tear up Piccadilly.

LONDON (UPI). — The 20th century's least attractive decade, the thirties, has been the rage. Yet its echoes are all over the place.

Fever has hit London's fashion world. The exhibition on "The Thirties" at the London Museum, an Academy of Art show of the "futurist" art closing ago.

Style clothes are in, and all shops sell deco objects in every style. One called Roxy, a new acrylic premises, and end of Fortobelio moved somewhere.

Novelist Evelyn Waugh's private diaries were seen in the "Sunday Observer" Centre style drive. The diaries became the rage. Balcon inside picture of at young things was snored. The new party to guess which name asterisks in highly il-lustrated.

PROGRESS

London Museum show tries size progress. More le-ge home comforts. The d gaily which Waugh's nified. Forty years ago, probably great, but the 1930's kitchen now horror. Its washing ma-chine to induce mo-tionaries, saved much sing toll at the time, with the sparkling sur-h in the exhibit and in diaries, is bed rock de-scribed in photographs.

Blown-up photographs of the exhibit are the Winston Churchill, cry-ied in 1935 that "there in the air," and Ne-amberlain's pledge of our time.

At exhibit's end a shouting newsboy holds a poster, type as big as a house: "War declared."

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NEW ON THE MARKET

Attracting a mate the animal way

MUSK oil, mentioned in these columns recently, is catching on fast in Israel as the newest craze in scents follows the recent lead set by American perfumes. The makers have been cashing in on what claims to be a simulation of the special oil secreted by the male musk deer to attract his female mate. They have simply reversed the process, providing a perfume for the female. Surprising that no one so far has thought of producing a "Musk After-Shave."

While at least two brands of musk oil and *essence de toilette* are already being imported, Judith Miller of Haifa is the first Israeli company to produce a musk oil locally. Judith Miller claims that her "Musk Oil from the Source," attractively packaged in a hand-painted glass bottle and selling at IL20 for 1 1/8 oz., is based on a different formula from the others available here. It is, she says, a synthetic substance made by the action of nitric acid on oil of amber, simulating the effects of the real musk oil, which blends with the body chemistry to produce an individual, long-lasting scent for each wearer.

We sampled it, found it certainly lived up to its claim of being long-lasting, and that its unusual, pungently subtle scent was a very pleasant one.

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UGLY WOMEN PREFERRED

CLAUDE Chabrol's DOCTEUR PO-PAUL (Orly, Tel Aviv), is a black comedy, starring Jean-Paul Belmondo as a medical student with a penchant for ugly women.

The female lead is played by Mia Farrow, complete with glasses, protruding front teeth, dowdy clothes and a brace on her leg, in an effort to make her look suitably plain for her role of Christine, the daughter of a wealthy Bordeaux specialist.

The hero, Paul, marries her after qualifying — though Belmondo somehow makes a most unlikely doctor — and, needless to say, is not faithful to his seemingly-dowdy wife. In particular, he becomes involved with his sister-in-law (Laura Antonelli), offering her consolation when she loses several fiancés in macabre circumstances which recall "Kind Hearts and Coronets."

The well-acted piece starts nicely with the meeting of Paul and Christine, says somewhat in the middle, and then briefly deserts comedy for straight drama. The last part, in which the wife plans a horrifying vengeance on her faithless spouse, is climaxed with a clever denouement. Some of the movie is set in a private clinic, and the plot is often, not very satisfactorily, worked out with the help of medical devices.

Furthermore, although Chabrol's film contains much wit and originality, the humour is sometimes pretty low.

PASSION FOR DANGER (Ophir, Tel Aviv and Lili, Ramat Gan) is a James Bond type of film with a private detective as an invincible hero, lots of violence, one improbable incident after another, the requisite number of peculiar characters and the obligatory amorous interludes. The story is clearly not meant to be plausible but to stun the spectator with all the fast happenings. There is a touch of humour and self ridicule which is certainly welcome.

Super-tough, super-cool private eye Dan McCoy is no impeccably dressed Bond, however, and obvious-



At the Cinema

OBSESSIONS (Orion, Jerusalem) — another B-grade E-movie is billed as a "psycho-sex" drama. The only evidence of any psychopathic aberration in the film is stupidity, and the sex is tasteless without being particularly daring.

A Dutch-German co-production, directed by Pim de la Farra, the dialogue is again in English — obviously a foreign language to most of the participants. Dubbing is bad enough but I am not sure that "international" films shot in English are not worse. Amsterdam inhabitants speaking poor English just don't work — neither does anything else in this movie which suffers from less than amateur competence in all departments.

The crux of the plot is a hole in the wall in the apartment of Nils Janssen (Dieter Gelassier) which allows him to spy on his neighbour's shenanigans. How he manages to do this from his lighted room without revealing himself to the occupants of the darkened apartment next door is never explained. However I doubt if anyone will retain interest long enough to let it bother him.

Peeping Tom Nils who becomes involved up to his neck in a murder, drugs and other misdeeds, gets his just deserts in the end. But on the way the viewer has to sit through reams of exasperating dialogue, stilted acting and inferior directing.

Gregor

Israeli doctor testifies before U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Dr. Aharon Mordechai Cohen, head of the diabetic unit of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, testified on Monday before the Senate Select Committee on nutrition and human needs, on the effects of sugar in the diet and its links to diabetes and arteriosclerosis.

Dr. Cohen and his collaborators have been engaged in research for the past 13 years on the effects of sugar in the diet and the interaction of heredity and environment in the occurrence of diabetes and arteriosclerosis.

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Anyone copying the name or symbol, Lee, will be prosecuted

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HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEIZED

The Tel Aviv Magistrates Court has already issued an order, in response to the first complaint. The order requires the confiscation of goods fraudulently bearing the name Lee: "...in order to avoid doubt, I order the seizure of all goods or labels illegally bearing the name Lee, whether the name appears alone or in combination with other words..." (extract from a temporary order of the Magistrates Court, issued in Tel Aviv on March 30, 1973, Criminal Case No. 2491/73).

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WATERGATE: QUESTIONS NIXON MUST ANSWER

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Burn the witch who won the elections!

(By arrangement with 'Ma'ariv')

dible one by the President.
Until it is he will have Water-
gate as a millstone around his
neck.
The series of judicial and le-
gislation investigations are only
just beginning, and Washington
may be in for a long hot sum-
mer of disclosures which go far
beyond what is already known.
Mr. Nixon said as much on Mon-
day night, and it cannot be a
prospect he anticipates with any
enthusiasm.

The disintegration of the
White House Administration in
recent days has already shaken
the whole Administration in mo-
rals and organization. Both do-
mestically and in international
negotiations the point had been
reached where Mr. Nixon was
forced to act.
The big question now is whether
it was too little too late, or
whether he can emerge from his
visions.

IN JERUSALEM

Shikun Ovdim building 1,000 flats for young couples

By ABRAHAM KAPINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
Shikun Ovdim is at present con-
structing 1,000 apartments specifi-
cally for young couples in Jerusa-
lem, the director of its Jerusalem
branch has announced.
The director, Ya'acov Weinberg,
told a press conference that one-
third of the apartments being built
in the capital now by his company
are designated for young couples.
Until three years ago, Shikun Ovdim
built no such housing. He said that
Shikun Ovdim is building the apart-
ments to meet a social need which
had become evident in recent years.
The apartments are sold at cost
price, he said, and the company
makes no profit. There are some
2,000 young couples in Jerusalem
searching for modestly priced hous-
ing, he said.
A young couple is defined by the
Housing Ministry as one that has
married since October 1, 1968, re-
gardless of the age of the partners.
They pay substantially less for a
"young couple apartment" since they
are getting it at net cost and pay-

ing only nominal part of the land
cost. A three-room apartment in
Givat Mordechai, for instance, would
cost IL94-96,000 on the open market,
but a young couple would have to
pay only about IL78,000. In addition,
the young couple gets a bigger
mortgage — generally IL30,000 —
at easier terms than the normal
buyer. The apartments are of either
two or three rooms.
Of the 1,000 apartments for young
couples now being built by Shikun
Ovdim in Jerusalem, 579 are to be
completed this year in Givat Mor-
dechai, Kiryat Yovel and Be'er Te-
neim. Another 480 young couples' ap-
artments are to be begun this year
in Kiryat Menashe and Kiryat
Yovel, and 100 of these will be for
rental. Mr. Weinberg estimated that
a two-room apartment would rent
for about IL200.
HOMELAND. — Ovsamboland yester-
day became the first tribal home-
land granted limited self-govern-
ment in the disputed territory of
South West Africa, ruled by South
Africa under an old League of Na-
tions mandate.

Soccer Preview

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Betar teams of
Jerusalem and Tel Aviv hold the
key this Saturday to the second
and third places in the final
National League soccer standings.
In the last games of the 1977/78
league season, Jerusalem Betar are
at home to Tel Aviv Hapoel who
are now in second place, one point
ahead of Jerusalem Hapoel. Al-
though Jerusalem Betar escaped re-
legation worries only last week, Tel
Aviv Hapoel has to be ready for
as tough an encounter as they have
had this season. The Tel Aviv
combination have not had much
luck recently, and were beaten
against the run of play last week.
It would require Figenbaum,
Hazzam and Mordkowitz in top
form to win this game, and a draw
seems a more likely result despite
the great gap in the positions of
the teams.
The fate of Jerusalem Hapoel may
depend on Tel Aviv Betar.
A win for Hapoel might mean
runner-up position to the cham-
pions, Ramat Gan Hakoah-Maccabi.
If the Jerusalem team can re-
duce the form they showed in Petah
Tikva last week, they may well
collect both points. Betar have a
good defence record having con-
ceded only 23 goals in 29 matches.
Their problem though is getting
goals, and the tight Jerusalem de-
fence looks capable of containing
Tel Aviv.

THE LEAGUE WINDS UP

Tel Aviv Maccabi's shock home
defeat by Petah Tikva Hapoel last
week has put them out of the run-
ning for second place. Their game
against Kfar Saba Hapoel in Kfar
Saba has all the makings of a draw,
as each of the clubs has already
returned 16 drawn games.
One of the most interesting games
on the card is the clash between
league champions Hakoah and Beer-
sheva Hapoel. The top team is a
tough nut to crack at the best of
times, but Beersheba Hapoel has
belatedly hit new heights, and last
week zoomed up the league table
from 10th to 5th place. The Beer-
sheva XI last week beat Haifa
Maccabi 4-2 and might have scored
another four goals. Led by an in-
form Avraham Numa and Meir
Barad, Beersheba has an attack
that looks capable of getting goals
and anyone looking for surprise re-
sults could do worse than mark an
away win at Golei Gil.
Marmorek Hapoel has also sud-
denly found its scoring boots
trouncing Jaffa Maccabi 3-1 last
week. Petah Tikva Maccabi are
visitors to Rehovot, and show very
much the same chequered history
this season as Jaffa Maccabi. Both
clubs started with great verve, but
have tailed off badly. Another Mar-
morek win would not surprise,
though it will come too late to help
the Rehovot side.
Interest will focus too on the
struggle for promotion in the
Northern Division of League "A."
During most of the season Hadera
Hapoel appeared certain to return
to the senior division. But a slip
here and a point dropped there has
enabled Acre Hapoel to put in a
serious challenge, now trailing by
one point only. Hadera Hapoel's
goal average is far superior to the
Acre team, and a home draw
against Nahariya Hapoel would be
sufficient, and looks more than
likely. Acre Hapoel meanwhile
should beat Nahliel Hapoel. Neither
of these matches appear on the
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to mark all 13 of last week's results
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Lerner in net debut for Israel

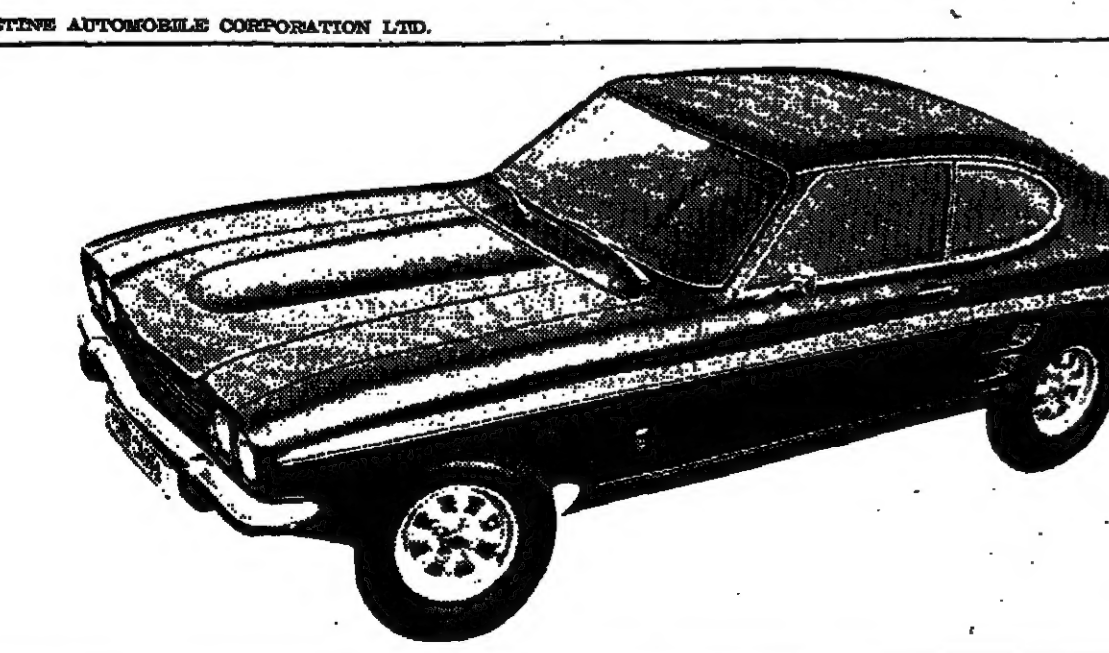
By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's Davis Cup
newcomer Ronny Lerner will be
first on court this afternoon, when
he faces Nick Flory in the opening
singles of the second-round European
zone tie against Holland. The three-
day match starts at 1.30 p.m. at the
Ramat Gan tennis stadium.
The champions of the two coun-
tries, Yehoshua Shalem and Jan
Hordijk meet in today's second
singles, according to the draw made
at a reception given here last night
by the Netherlands' Ambassador
and Mrs. G.J. Jongejans.
After the draw, Froman and
Lerner both forecast "a very tough
and open match," but the two cap-
tains were optimistic that their
teams would just have the edge.
Both squads have been undergoing
intensive training at the Ramat
Gan courts all this week. Working
out with the Israelis, under national
coach-captain Froman, have been
Romania's Ionel Santelu and Steve
Stefanski, of the U.S., while the
popular visitors have been training
with their coach Rinus Buytelaar.
With both countries winning byes
into the second round of the com-
petition, the winners qualify for a
tie against powerful Romania
— which has already scored three
Davis Cup victories over Israel.
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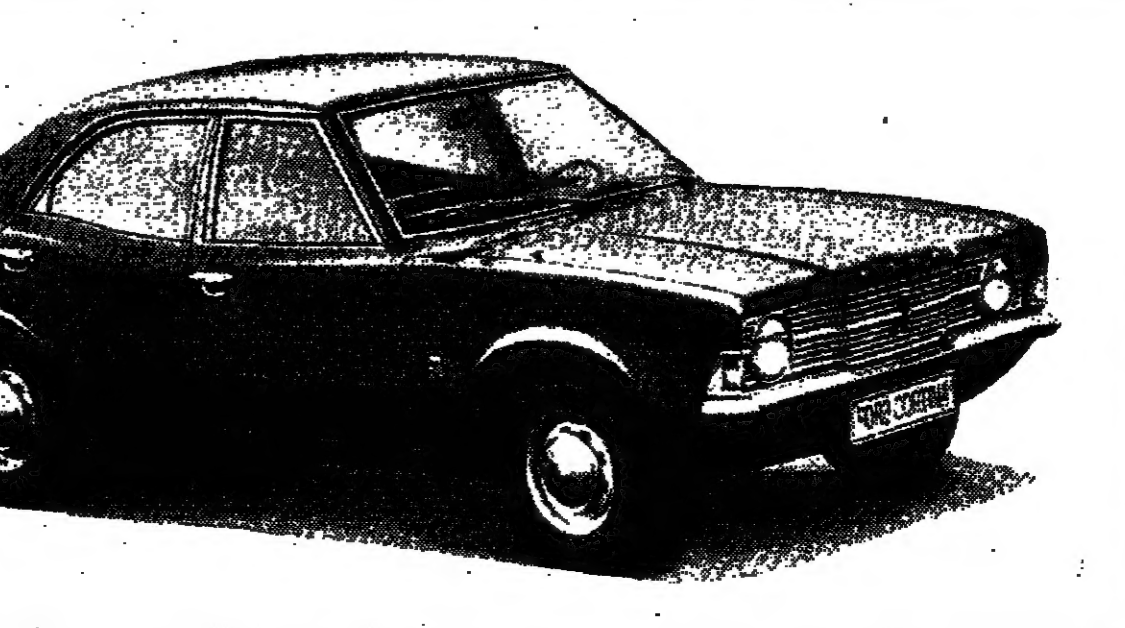
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Hadasah evening with
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JACKSON AMENDMENT

IT is not easy for Prime Minister Meir to tell immigrants from the Soviet Union who were themselves prisoners in Russia that Israel cannot publicly support the initiative of U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, who is seeking to make freedom for Jews to leave Russia a condition of the most-favoured-nation clause for Russia in the new trade agreements with the U.S. It would be tantamount to interference in another nation's internal affairs.

The U.S., the Senator says, is a country of immigrants and should therefore exert its influence in support of the individual's freedom of movement. A part of this aim has already been achieved by President Nixon himself in his talks in Moscow, when he was promised that the education levy imposed on Jews would no longer be imposed in itself a sufficiently remarkable concession to a third party, and evidence of Russia's urgent wish both to complete the grain deal with the U.S. and to show itself flexible in general in its relations with the West.

Unfortunately it is a simple enough matter for the Russians to cancel the tax, as agreed — and even this has not been done by striking off the tax law, but by ordering it not to be applied — and at the same time to introduce other administrative measures to prevent Jews from leaving. There is nothing to prevent them arbitrarily refusing exit visas to persons with academic training or even, of course, of trumping up charges of hooliganism or "hostility to the Soviet Union" to clap them

in prison to discourage others from applying to leave. The technique of harassment has been a failure up to now, and has served only to spur Soviet Jews to greater determination and to reinforce their extraordinary courage in pursuing their aim of reaching Israel, and it is not likely to be effective in future, but it causes additional suffering and misery.

American pressure on Moscow has worked so far, and it is natural that Soviet immigrants, and Israel as a whole, should wish to see reinforced the only instrument that appears to have been effective up to now. At the same time it is obvious that loud cheers from Israel would by no means aid Senator Jackson in his fight. To the extent, also, that his move is in conflict with the actions of President Nixon, who has already achieved one major concession, it is not for us to attempt to throw any weight into this balance of forces, even where it is concerned with a most sensitive area of our own affairs.

In this case it will be enough for us to know that both the President and Senator Jackson share the same aim of easing, if not ending, the delay and terror suffered by Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate and to view this as part of their own negotiations with the Russians.

Compared with other nations that like to speak of liberty, both sides in this American dispute have taken up a practical stand in support of liberty that is entitled to our respect and gratitude.

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SADAT THREATENS

Davar (Hizdadrut) comments on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's May Day speech: "Sadat is entangling himself, since even if he does not mean to resume fire in the near future, his speeches and military preparations are not likely to assuage the militant hysteria he himself has raised. Sadat is right in stating that Israel is interested in continuation of the cease-fire, but Egypt ought also to be interested in it, since a conflagration in the region would be paid for dearly by Cairo."

Ha'aretz (non-party), concluding from Mr. Sadat's speech that political solutions are out of the question, and also that it is a reasonable assumption that — threats notwithstanding — Egypt will not open fire writes: "The Egyptian President is well aware that he will get no Soviet support if he opens fire, and the big question is whether he will be prepared to take the risk of opening fire without Soviet help. Anyway, Israel should enhance its preparedness in the wake of the speech. At the same time, when Arab leaders are swayed by hysteria, Israel must remain calm."

Ha'tzeva (National Religious) writes: "Despite the militant tone in the Egyptian President's speech it was relatively restrained — judging by the time Sadat devoted to political issues, and the fact that he stressed the contrasts between himself and Moscow. All the same,

Sadat's contention that he is aiming for war should be accepted at face value."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), finding Sadat's militant threats reminiscent of the warlike atmosphere of May 1967, comments: "Sadat wishes to entrench his position by speeches in the mind, however, that at some stage he may be hoist with his own petard. Israel should therefore be on the lookout, and be alert for any possible danger."

Omer (Hizdadrut) writes: "The worst part of Sadat's speech is his objection to the proposal that Egypt should concentrate on its own development. As long as the Egyptian regime cares only for prestige rather than development, there is no hope for improving the lot of Egypt's poor."

Ha'odot (Agudat Yisrael) expressing the belief that U.S. President Richard Nixon's opponents are blowing up the Watergate affair far beyond its real importance, mentions that in Israel it would be difficult to imagine excitement over similar disclosures.

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MY LIFE HAS BEEN BLESSED

In a speech delivered on accepting the Stephen Wise Award of the American Jewish Congress on July 25, 1959, Mrs. Meir said:

FIFTY-FOUR years ago, together with other children of my age, I stood on the steps of a house in Kiev and watched my father and other fathers hammering planks across the doors of our homes for fear of pogroms that were expected in our town. Then I did not understand exactly what was happening around us; all the children were silent. The only sound was the knocking of hammers. We felt with the deep instinct of children that something dreadful and serious was taking place. As I recall that day, I ask: If it has been given in one lifetime to go all the way from the sound of that hammer in Kiev to life in the State of Israel — where, though we have no complete security, we have the assurance that we are not at the mercy of pogroms and that, if anyone strikes at us, we have the power to defend our children — how much more can a Jew ask? So many millions of Jews throughout the ages — and millions before our very eyes — were not able to defend themselves like us.

My next memory is of Pinsk, when at the age of six or seven I used to climb stealthily onto the kitchen stove (those who come from Russia know those old stoves), from this hiding place I used to spy on what was going on in the little room where my mother lived with her three daughters. By then my father was already in America. My older sister, aged sixteen, would be hatching secret conspiracies with a group of boys and girls of her age. She would walk about the room on the watch for police who might burst in. These boys and girls, like so many others in Russia, used to meet to plan the overthrow of the Czarist regime so as to usher in a free and humane system of government. To this day no one has been a greater influence for good in my life than this sister of mine. Then I did not understand the mysterious meetings, but I felt that Mother was nervous, and I sensed that I was witnessing something serious and important. It has been my happy fortune to go all the way from that small room in a despotic land to life in the State of Israel, where there are great workers' movement, humane workers' enterprises, agricultural settlements, and the co-operatives of the kibbutz and the moshav. If a Jewish woman who was a child in that little room lives to be blessed with a daughter and grandchildren living in a kibbutz under a system that cannot be surpassed for equality and respect for human dignity, what more can she desire?

"Soft" American

In my youth I worked in Kibbutz Merhaviv. I remember that Merhaviv was then situated between two Arab villages, and one of the first things my comrades told me was that I should not go out into the yard in a white dress at night because a white dress could be seen from a distance in the dark and made a good target.

In Merhaviv in 1921 they did not believe that a "soft" American girl would prove a serious worker. Yet these same skeptical comrades, after a trial period, pronounced me a good worker, both in the poultry yard and in planting trees on the hill facing Merhaviv (the forest was on rocky ground, and digging holes on that hill was no simple matter). I thought then and I still think Merhaviv's acceptance of me as a full-fledged member of the kibbutz was one of the most satisfactory achievements of my life. I am sorry to this day that I must speak of life in the kibbutz as of something in the past. Already in youth I became convinced that the way of the kibbutz was the right way; it was the solution for the problem of how men should live most fruitfully, even though the idea was hard to carry out and only a few people believed in it. What more can one expect to have in Israel, if in the course of the thirty-six years I have been privileged to live in this country I have seen this dream become a reality to a degree greater than anyone would have imagined?

I remember the grave decisions that had to be taken in the clash between the illusion that we would be able to realize our vision of Jewish independence by means of negotiations, appeals, and protests and the recognition that we had no choice but to take our fate into our own hands and be ready to pay a very heavy price to prove that we would not accept the kind of "justice" under which might was right and the weak were to be left at the mercy of the strong. In the days of our great struggle, I said, "Let us fight." I do not boast that I am fearless — I am very far from being fearless. We were faced with a choice between two fears — the fear of yielding to a regime that was ready to sacrifice us and the fear of fighting for our just cause. In fear and trembling I chose my path. And indeed we paid dearly. But if a Jewish woman who saw shiploads of Jews, survivors of the extermination camps, come to the shores of Palestine only to be turned back, is now privileged to live in the State of Israel to which nearly a million Jews have come in a ceaseless stream — men, women, and children who enter not on sufferance but in the knowledge that they are coming home — for what more can she ask?

And what more can any Jewish woman desire, if she had the privilege to be the first one to reach Soviet Jewry, which for decades had been completely cut off from all contact with us? Many of us in our hearts sometimes doubted whether Russian Jews would find the infinite strength to go on caring about what we were doing in Israel or as long as we needed to be until the link between us could be forged anew. Whoever has heard the words "Next year in Jerusalem" from the lips of these Jews, in the synagogue and during the Day of Atonement prayers — even if he lives to be a hundred and devotes all his strength and energy to the land and the people of Israel — will remain a debtor forever.

Learn not to hate

Through the years I learned in our movement how to go on living here, with our Arab neighbours attacking us periodically, when often not one road in the country was safe; we learned how to hold out against these neighbours of ours and at the same time not to hate them, but to long truly for the day when they would take our hand outstretched in peace and we would be able to build together a happy life for this whole region. To go on living like this is a great art and a valuable achievement. It is not written down in any books. I learned it from our way of life as I lived it here, from the earnest longing for peace of our people, dwelling in Zion. This people is prepared to forgive and forget for the sake of attaining the tranquillity in which both we and our neighbours would be able to work creatively. What more can I demand, after being privileged to live among a people such as this?

Perhaps you will think it just pretence — but believe me, on no day of my life have I said to myself in a mood of self-satisfaction, "Well, today I've done something for the people of Israel, the State of Israel." I have always been aware that I have been boundlessly blessed by the experiences granted me.

WHEN PEACE COMES

PEACE will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us.

When peace comes we will perhaps in time be able to forgive the Arabs for killing our sons, but it will be harder for us to forgive them for having forced us to kill their sons.

Perhaps it was the merits of my forebears that earned me this privilege: My father's father was conscripted into the Russian Army at the age of twelve and was forced to violate Jewish religious commandments in the Army, for the rest of his life after he returned — so my father used to tell me, for I never knew this grandfather — he used to sleep on a wooden bench with a stone instead of a pillow, in order to atone for the transgressions he had committed under duress.

For myself, after all that I have known, I desire only one thing more: to live only as long as I can live a full life in the State of Israel, and never to lose the feeling that it is I who am indebted for what has been given me.

Emotion at the Wall

IN a few weeks it will be fifty years since I came to this country. Naturally, a short time after my arrival in 1921, I went up to Jerusalem, and when one comes to Jerusalem one goes first to the Western Wall. Who raised in a Jewish home could have failed to absorb Jerusalem into his being, with all that the Western Wall symbolizes? I, too, grew up in a good traditional Jewish house, yet I was not myself pious, and I confess that I went to the Wall without much emotion.

Many of you remember the narrow, winding alleys of those days. I stood in front of the Wall — then much smaller than the present large excavated expanse — I saw Jews, men and women, praying and weeping, putting their knitted kites — their notes — into the cracks of the old stones. Then I suddenly understood its magic. This ruin was all that was left of a glory that once had been; it was tragic that only this remained. But in those days Jews and Jewesses, with their knitted kites, saw a refusal to accept the fact that only these stones were left; these knitted kites were an expression of confidence in a future to come. That is what made the ruin strong, and I left the Wall changed in feeling.

For nineteen years — from 1948 to 1967 — we in Israel could not enter the Old City and East Jerusalem; we could not go to the Wall, we could only watch the desecration of the Mount of Olives from a distance. Then came the Six Day War, and on a Wednesday we were all electrified with the news that the Old City had been liberated. I had to fly to the U.S. that Friday morning I decided I could not leave without visiting the Old City and going to the Western Wall. So on that Friday, when civilians were not yet allowed to enter the Old City because there was still shooting, I received a permit to enter. That June I was not in the government, but a civilian like any other. I went to the Wall together with some soldiers.

There, in that narrow alley — not the wide plaza that stretches in front of the Wall today — was a plain table, with a few Sten guns on it! Uniformed paratroopers wrapped in praying shawls were clinging so tightly to the Wall that it seemed impossible to separate them from it. They and the Wall were one. These heroes, who only a few hours before had fought furiously for the liberation of Jerusalem, who had seen their comrades fall for Jerusalem's sake, went up to the Wall. They wept and wrapped themselves in praying shawls. I, too, took a

Prime Minister Golda Meir celebrates her 75th birthday today. Here are some of her memories — starting from a pogrom in Kiev — taken from the book "Golda Meir Speaks Out," edited by Marie Syrkin.



(Photo Yosef Hadari)

sheet of paper, wrote the word "Shema" on it and put it into a cranny of the wall. I shall never forget the picture boys by the Wall. It is one of the moments of my life. While I stood a soldier who probably did not recognize me put his arms around me and his head on my shoulder. I felt greatly blessed that a moment a young lad whom I did not choose me to be a mother to him, felt the need to weep on the shoulder of someone close and dear.

Recently, I had the privilege together all of you to stand before the Wall, a tragic hour of our people's history, press solidarity with the men and women who were there to protest what was being done to the Jews in the Soviet Union was a grave occasion, but also a great one, for a great miracle had taken place. For almost sixty years the Russian community endured the full weight of unrestrained cruelty was brought on Russian Jewry to sever it from it and present and to deprive it of any of sharing in the future of the Jewish people. Nevertheless, today not only Jews free world and other diasporas are at the Wall. The Soviet Jews, each of whom suffered greatly in struggle, are standing on the soil of their homeland, in Jerusalem, and are demanding freedom for the comrades they left behind. The day before yesterday, when members of the Cabinet went to the Wall, a handsome boy of twenty or so, one who had come from Kovno, "Daddy, come with your family." I asked him with my family. "How long did it take for you to leave?" "Only a week," said. "But," he added, "in that year I some time in prison."

Indomitable spirit

Despite hardship and peril, for we what has been happening in the Soviet Union the Russian Jews do not give up. Even that regime, young Jews, old men and families venture to declare openly: "We Jews, part of our people, for people homeland; it is our homeland. Let us go."

The boy from Kovno told me: "I was of those who took part in a sit-down at the building of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. It's easy to get in, but complicated to get out. But this you only got out of the building — he is of the Soviet Union, and he is here. I visited the hunger strikers at the Wall months ago, I saw a woman who was for her sons and her daughter who I missed in Russia. But on the occasion describing she was again at the Wall time with her three sons and her daughter too had arrived."

I have no illusions; the Soviet Jews undergo many trials, but they are not suffering like men who have been conquered and have accepted the verdict; they are fighting like people who have rebelled against injustice and are prepared to fight. All are privileged to see them in our midst.

Fifty years is a long time; yet to have been able to witness these events it was a privilege. Perhaps I have a one other privilege: It was in Jerusalem my children — my son and my daughter were born; my grandchildren present are the second generation of my family in Israel. I am happy that my grandchildren are sitting here. Perhaps they will see this occasion, not because of what we here about their grandmother, but I they will be able to tell their children their grandchildren that once, in Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel, they were present ceremony when the freedom of the state was awarded, not to their grandmother, but Prime Minister of Israel, the head of a state. Fortunately we who live in that state.

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